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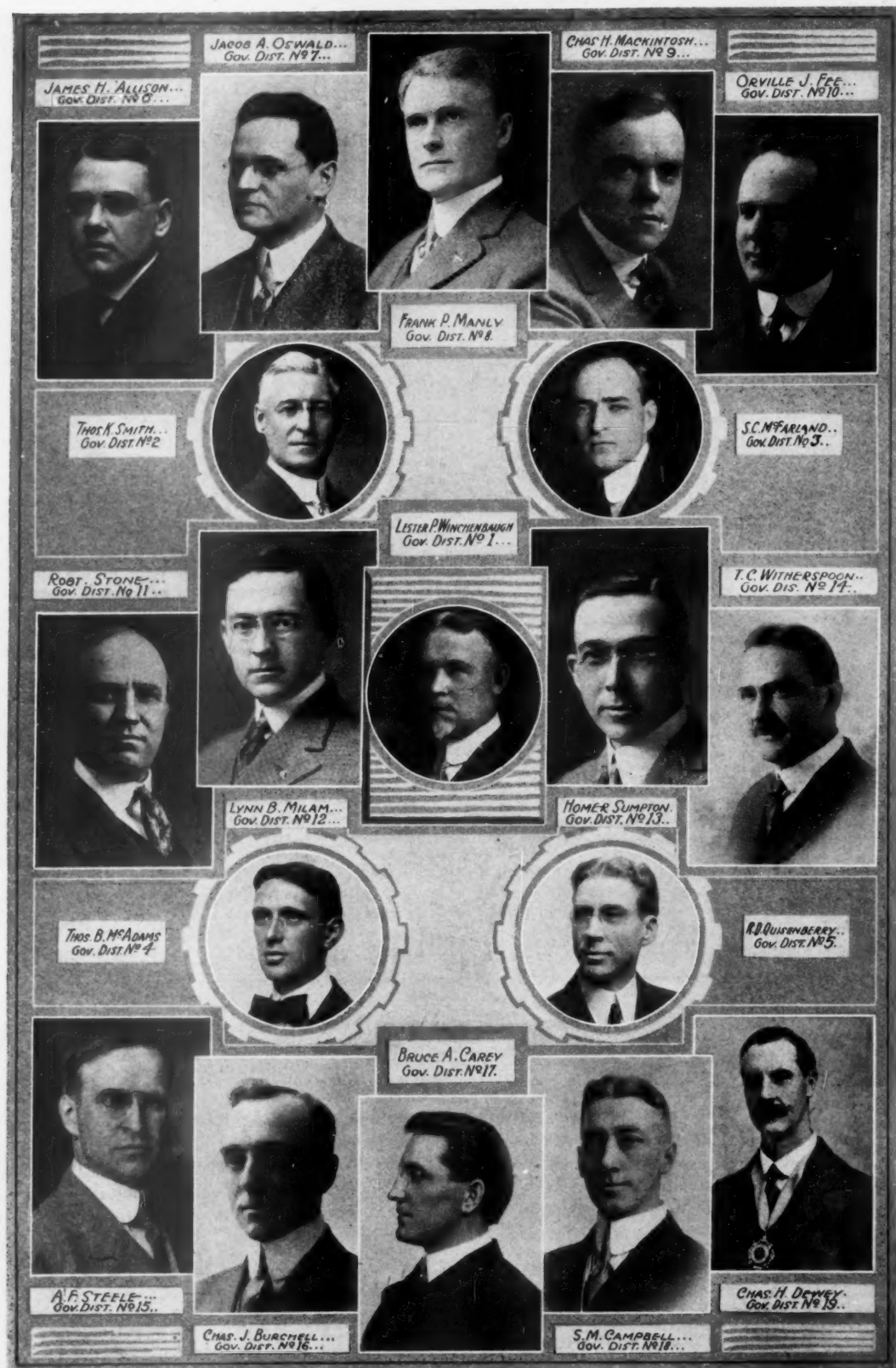
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4. To promote the broad spirit of good fellowship among Rotarians, and among Rotary clubs.

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## Rotary and the International Association

*An Anniversary Message from President Klumph*

**R**OTARY is twelve years old this month, having been born in Chicago on February 23, 1905. The one little, lonesome club has become a great family spreading out over four nations, an International Association. And it would seem that the proper subject for an anniversary article by the president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs is the relationship between the association and its members and the value of the association to the future of Rotary. Perhaps an appropriate title would be—"Good Government, Modern Methods, and High Efficiency *versus* Loose and Ineffective Government, Obsolete Methods, and Chaos."

A recent article in an American club publication deplored what it called a tendency to centralize the governing power of Rotary in the hands of a few, criticized the effort to establish a standard constitution for local clubs, and feared that too much importance was being given to the International Rotary conventions. Occasionally (and it is gratifying to note that it is only seldom) a Rotarian will be heard asking such questions as these: "Why the International Association?" "Why the compulsory subscription to the magazine?" To be logical, this Rotarian should go one step further and ask: "Why Rotary?" "Why Rotary as we know it today instead of the Rotary of 1905?" Is there anyone who would exchange our great organized, spiritualized institution of 1917 for a lot of scattered, self-centered, individual clubs?

Such questions should not arouse a feeling of impatience when it is realized that they are the result of a lack of understanding. Were the men who ask them to drop in at the Headquarters offices or at a meeting of the Association's board of directors, and see the great number of problems which are submitted to the International officers, and the help which the officers in turn give to the local clubs; and if they should attend an International convention; I am sure there would be no repetition by them of such queries.

A Rotary club which has been made a member of the Association, which has gained its full strength, and which then should wish to sever its affiliation with the Association or decry the value of the Association, is much like a child who turns against its parent after attaining the age of self-support.

When I hear a Rotarian say that he is enthusiastic over his local club, but sees no reason for the affiliation of clubs into the International Association, I am reminded of the man who says that he is glad to be a citizen of a city but objects to being a citizen of the country in which his home city is located. It is quite impossible to be one, without being the other.

The affiliation of the Rotary clubs in the International Association is merely the result of the adoption of a plan whereby the Rotary clubs of the world agree to co-operate, to legislate together, to build up a great Rotary structure based upon the wisdom of all the clubs. It is the effort to avoid the inefficient and unbusinesslike method of operation under which the 300 individual clubs would attempt to work independently upon the same structure, and not from a carefully designed general plan and comprehensive specifications.

Rotary's plan of government is similar to that adopted by most of the nations, by individual states, by municipalities, and by all great business



corporations. The power resides and remains in the individual clubs. These clubs, thru their delegates to the International convention, select a committee to be the executive head that shall execute the laws established by the convention. This committee consists of the board of directors who have no legislative power; they cannot make a single law; they have no other powers than those delegated to them by the entire membership of the Association, speaking thru their delegates to the convention. The duties of the board of directors are to so execute the laws of the Association that Rotary will be protected, a healthful growth will be encouraged, and a clear and correct interpretation of Rotary's principles and purposes will be disseminated.

Suppose there were no such central governing power and no such co-operation between the Rotary clubs thruout the world. We might reasonably expect to see, and in a short time, many Rotary clubs in the same city; clubs with rules allowing two or more members from one classification; clubs organized for purposes entirely foreign to the purposes which are the fundamentals of the Rotary structure of today; little co-operation between the different clubs; practically no unity of purpose; and then chaos.

These are not idle conjectures. Many of these tragedies in Rotary have been prevented by the board of directors since my membership upon it.

Perhaps the best statement of the functions of the International Association of Rotary Clubs is to be found in the objects set forth in the constitution, written at Duluth in 1912 when it became an International Association.

Is there a Rotarian willing to say that Rotary would have become the great and important factor in the world that it is today, in shaping the lives of men, in the improvement of our business ethics, in the helpful development of communities, if we had not formed ourselves into an International Association? Is there one who will, or can, deny that all the progressive ideas and legislation have been inspired by the gatherings at our annual conventions?

The annual convention is to Rotary what the heart is to the body. The heart sends the blood pulsating thru the veins and arteries, giving life to the body; without the heart, the frame would be a mere shell. So the annual Rotary convention sends the inspirations of Rotary pulsating thru every vein and artery of the International Association, giving it life and making it stronger. Without the convention, Rotary would soon become a mere shell.

Is the International Association a burden upon the clubs or upon individual Rotarians? Each member of each club pays a per capita tax of one dollar per year to provide means by which the great bureau conducts its activities. Surely that is no burden upon any Rotarian. Each year the importance of the International Association becomes more evident, the necessity for co-operation becomes more acute; as the membership increases so must there be an increase in the working force and overhead expenses of the International headquarters. Each year we find new ways in which the Association's officers can be of greater service. As we look to the future we must anticipate a demand for more service and consequently an increase in the cost.

More and more is it being found necessary for the district governors of Rotary to visit the local clubs, as representatives of the International Association. No provision has been made in the past for the payment of the expenses of such visitations. It has become increasingly apparent that we need a field secretary, acting under Secretary Perry. There are many other progressive and helpful steps which should be adopted, but which cannot be put into effect because the present low per capita tax doesn't supply needed funds.

Do we want to stand still with Rotary, or shall we go on striving to find ways and means by which our motto of service may be more fully exemplified in action? I have every confidence in the future of Rotary; every confidence that each club will not only continue to make its own organization a great asset to the community, but will strive to make the one great unit—the International Association—an even greater power for service.

ARCH C. KLUMPH, *President I. A. of R. C.*



## An Appreciation of Arch C. Klumph

**E**XPERIENCE put to work is genius and genius presides over the destiny of things.

When the collective judgment of the Cincinnati convention cast its ballot in favor of Arch C. Klumph for International president, experience was put to work and genius presided over the destiny of things.

All world movements—and Rotary is a world movement—demand special leaders at certain periods in their evolution. When the need for such a special leader arises he always appears—born out of the very matrix of events and conditions surrounding the need.

Following President Allen D. Albert's brilliant year Rotary stood at the threshold of great events. The times were pregnant with big achievements. It needed a strong man to systematize and standardize that which had been preserved and bequeathed to us by the fathers in Rotary. And Arch C. Klumph appeared.

A successful career prepared him for us—a prototype of what a strong and substantial Rotary cog should be—virile, dynamic, masterful—an honest and honorable success—a success which did not congeal his soul into nothing but silver and gold but a success which kept him withal in touch with the spirit of humanity.

While he has served Rotary continuously for the last four years—first as vice-president, then as president of his own club and later as an International director, his work on the International Constitution and the Standard Constitution for Local Rotary Clubs, perhaps, more than anything else, prepared him for the larger responsibilities which are now placed upon him.

Yes, Arch is a dreamer. All big men are dreamers—pragmatic dreamers. Arch's dreams are of colossal proportions. He

has a vision with a cosmic front exposure. The Rotarian processional is to him soul-inspiring and its majestic march, world-embracing. He recognizes that Rotary transcends creed and patriotism, that it is more than scientizing acquaintance, more than developing friendship, more than a community interest. With the eye of a seer he sees that Rotary is the beginning of a world consciousness—a consciousness that makes us solicitous for the welfare of all and the detriment of none.

He has looked deeply into the crystal of life and studied carefully the wreck and ruin of great institutions. He is a keen student of events and recognizes that all history was written for our salvation. He realizes that if Rotary is to survive it must find its fulcrum for action in a well-knit organization and that our ideals and principles, the Ark of the Covenant in Rotary, must be jealously safe-guarded thru a thoroly systematized and standardized International Association. His business training has taught him that we must so operate our association so as to draw from every wheel—every club—its collective genius and ability and use

this genius and ability to bring Rotary to the highest state of efficiency.

This is Arch's program and this is what is making him a towering figure in the Rotary world today and what will carve for him a lasting memory in Rotary. He is well equipt for this work. In him the human elements are happily mixed. The ideal and the practical find about equal expression in his life. His ambitions for Rotary are big, his deeds proportionate.

The writer is one of Arch's subordinate officers and if he can discern the effect within the causes—and effects may always be read in the hand-writing of the causes—he can safely vouchsafe to all the fulfillment of our president's program.



*President Arch C. Klumph on Michigan Boulevard, Chicago, shortly after his election. Notice his intense concentration on the problems of the Rotary presidency.*

## Making Rotary More Effective

By Stewart C. McFarland, Pittsburgh, Pa.

If the writer were asked what Arch Klumph is doing for Rotary this year, he would say that Arch is making Rotary more effective by systematizing and standardizing our organization.

Arch realizes that Rotary is a mighty force for good; that, like electricity, it can be made a great servant for humanity if well insulated and carefully currented thru the proper channels. He is not concerned about the potency of this force but he is concerned about the channels thru which it must spread and in this concern the writer shares. Rotary will be preserved and made effective only thru a thoroly systematized and standardized organization.

The Prophet Ezekiel (1:16) gives us a beautiful picture of Rotary: "And their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel." The International Association is the big wheel—the world force; the clubs are the wheels within this wheel—the community force; and the members are the propelling wheels—the man force. The real strength lies in these member wheels. "For the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels." (Ezekiel 1:20.)

The Master Engineer, our International president, and his assistants, our International directors and vice-presidents, are watching and guiding the big wheel; the district governors are watching and lubricating so many club wheels; and the presidents of the various clubs, thru their member wheels, are furnishing the real motive power.

### High Voltage of Man Power

The writer is cognizant of the high voltage of man-power resident in our Association, and that the strength and influence of this power, properly harnessed and guided, can accomplish big things for the individual, for the community, for humanity. He recognizes that Rotary, like the rays of the sun, has a benign influence on the world, but he is also aware that, if we ever expect to concentrate this benign influence, like the rays of the sun, upon some worthy world cause (world peace, for instance) and vitalize it, we must have our machinery of or-

ganization developept to a high state of efficiency. It appears to the writer, therefore, that Arch C. Klumph struck the keynote of Rotary's greatest need at this period of its development when he made systematization or standardization the program for his administration.

It is a question whether the function of our International Association is to concentrate the power and influence of Rotary and use it as a unit when some worthy need arises, or to continue simply as a fountain of inspiration, education, and information for our local clubs and individual members, and, like the scattered rays of the sun, continue to shed its influence on the world thru its individual members as centres of influence or service-stations; or whether the purpose of our Association is to perform both these functions. Whether one or the other or both is its function, Rotary needs a well trained physical organization thru which to transmit its force and to translate its ideals and principles into action.

### Building a Strong Organization

To build a well-trained physical organization for Rotary we must put to use its great fundamental and this great fundamental is the principle of rotation. We can write, preach, and sing about the beauties of Rotary, but unless we put this homely principle of rotation to work the world will never profit thru Rotary as it should. "And their appearance and"—mark you—"their *work* was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel." To make our organization more effective and thus help our president realize his ambitions for Rotary this year, we must put this principle of rotation under intensive cultivation thruout all the ramification of Rotary. This means we must build a more perfect organization.

When President Klumph outlined his plans to the directors and district governors the morning following his election, he showed a vision of Rotary's immediate needs far beyond most of us. He took charge of affairs like a man who knows what he is doing. We saw immediately that he was the man of the hour and that he would serve the Association in his way

as brilliantly and effectively as any of his predecessors did in their way, and that the judgment of the delegates to the Cincinnati Convention was being vindicated.

The Governor of District No. 3 was not long listening to his plans before he saw car loads of work coming around the corner just ahead of him.

President Klumph told us plainly, succinctly, and rather truculently, that the principle of rotation would be put into operation thruout the Association and that he looked to every one of the district governors to conduct himself after the manner of an International president; which interpreted, meant that he was going to unload some of his responsibilities onto each governor. He did not tell us this in exactly the above language but every governor came away from that meeting with a feeling that he was in a large measure responsible for the success of the administration.

#### Using Principle of Rotation

And is this not the principle on which Rotary should be conducted from the centre of the great International wheel to the very outer-rim of the most inconspicuous member wheel? To bring Rotary to a higher state of efficiency we must put this principle of rotation to work not only in our International Association but also in our district and club government and among our individual members.

First, we must teach our individual members that Rotary membership is based on this principle; that it is the duty of every member to rotate regularly to our meetings and that if he cannot attend our functions with a reasonable degree of regularity, he must resign his membership in favor of one who will rotate. A meeting with only twenty-five per cent present is only twenty-five per cent efficient. President Klumph's plan of having each club report its attendance record to Headquarters thru the governor's office is already bearing fruit. Clubs everywhere are waking up to the fact that they have been "sleeping on duty" and that they have been robbing themselves of the service and acquaintance of half their membership. This neglect of duty totaled thruout the Association shows a tremendous loss of motive power for Rotary.

Second, our club officers must learn the principle of rotation and apply it in the

management of their clubs. No president is true to his trust who does not try to draw out the genius and ability of all his members and then use this collective genius and ability to make all more worthy of the name Rotarian. Rotary is a great man-builder—a builder of human character. Every true Rotarian becomes a service station. To rotate some of this man-power to community welfare work is another obligation which rests largely on the club officers. A good club president becomes the servant of all the members and unites all in service. A club controlled by a few men is usually not an advancing club, and a president who so far forgets the principle of rotation in office as to allow himself to be re-elected is not altogether true to Rotary. To permit an officer other than the secretary to succeed himself is a sad apology for the rest of us.

#### Keeping Rotary Healthy

Third, the principle of rotation is equally applicable to the office of governor. The writer is conscious of this and recently called a meeting of all the club presidents in his district to organize them into an Advisory Board and for the purpose of gathering into a common fund information relative to club management which all could use to further Rotary in their clubs. A more enthusiastic and purposeful crowd of Rotarians never gathered anywhere. The inspiration which rotated from one club president to another was marked.

The principle of rotation when applied always makes Rotary more efficient and therefore more effective. The writer hopes that the day will come when the governors of all the districts will be able to meet in conference with the International president and his directors and in a similar manner draw information and inspiration from each other and thus help them in the work of their districts.

This principle of rotation cannot be too strongly emphasized. It keeps Rotary healthy. It *eliminates* dead and unhealthy material. It does for Rotary what the circulation of the blood does for the human body. It builds character like the blood builds tissue. It does more to make Rotary efficient thruout the Association than any other principle. It is this way Arch C. Klumph is making Rotary more effective, and it is the Rotary way.



## A Page of Rotary Lyrics

### A Perfect Life

*Air—A Perfect Day*

Would you know how to add to your cup of joy,	The beauties that one can always find
To pass life sweeter away,	In Rotary's noble plan
And, with happiness filled without alloy,	Can never fail to uplift the mind,
Make each a perfect day?	And make the better man.
Then do to your neighbor the kindly deed	Then let us all together strive,
You would have him do to you,—	With heart and tongue and pen,
The Golden Rule your daily creed	As true Rotarians all alive,
In all things that you do.	To help our fellow men.

### The Story of Rotary

*Air: A Little Bit of Heaven*

*Following are three good versions of a Rotary lyric written by Mrs. J. C. Williams of Toronto, wife of a Rotarian; H. N. Laltner of the Rotary Club of Topeka; and H. C. Waldbillig of the Rotary Club of Binghamton. The editors do not attempt to decide the chronological order in which they were written.*

#### TORONTO VERSION.

Have you ever heard the story of how  
Rotary began?  
I'll tell you, then; you'll plainly see it's  
an eternal plan—  
No wonder that we're proud of this dear  
Club from sea to sea—  
For here's the way each mother's son can  
sing devotedly.

*Chorus—*

Shure, a little bit of heaven fell from out  
the sky one day,  
And souls were here to welcome it forever  
and a day,  
And when good fellows found it, shure it  
looked so fair and square,  
They said, suppose we keep it, for we need  
it everywhere.  
So they sprinkled it with kindness just to  
make the good deeds grow—  
'Tis the one place you will find them, no  
matter where you go—  
Then they dotted it with service, from each  
unselfishly,  
And when they had it finished, shure they  
called it ROTARY.

#### TOPEKA VERSION.

Have you ever heard the story of how  
Rotary won its fame?  
I'll tell you so you'll understand from  
whence this Rotary came.  
No wonder that we're proud of her, this  
club of Rotary,  
For here's the way, my dear old friends,  
the tale was told to me:

*Chorus—*

Sure a few men in Chicago, met in a  
hotel one day,

And formed a club for business, and a  
club at which to play.  
And when some more had joined it, sure it  
was good and fair,  
They said, suppose we spread it, for they  
need it everywhere.  
So, they scientized acquaintance, just to  
make it sure to grow.  
And you're sure to always find it no matter  
where you go.  
They added to it friendship, which makes  
this club so grand,  
And when they had it finished, sure, they  
called it Rotary Band.

#### BINGHAMTON VERSION.

Have you ever heard the story, of how  
Rotary got its name?  
I'll tell you so you'll understand from  
whence the Rotary came.  
No wonder that we're proud of her, as  
proud as one can be.  
For here's the way in the Rotary they told  
the tale to me.

*Chorus—*

Sure a Little Bit of Heaven fell from out  
the sky one day,  
And folks were here to welcome it forever  
and for aye,  
And when good fellows found it, sure it  
looked so fair and square.  
They said suppose we keep it, for we need  
it everywhere.  
Then they sprinkled it with kindness, just  
to make the good deeds grow,  
'Tis the one place you will find them, no  
matter where you go.  
Then they dotted it with service from  
each unselfishly  
And when they had it finished sure they  
called it ROTARY!



# Rotary Just At The Threshold

*An anniversary message from the Father of Rotary in which he gives expression to his personal and unofficial views upon Rotary and passing events.*

By Paul P. Harris

President Emeritus I. A. of R. C.

**T**HE Rotary anniversary period is to me my special opportunity of having a fling at passing events, of joining for the time being with the small but growing circle of earnest men who pin their faith to the written word and of renewing my touch with all of my fellow Rotarians. Rotary is twelve years old this month.

The first twelve years in the lives of humans constitute the period of transition from infancy to adolescence; from tiny, helpless babyhood to romping, healthful boyhood or to blissful, bashful girlhood; past the threshold of promise to the beginning of actual realization of life. Rotary, if worthy, will outlive generations of men, and as worth while things go, has not as yet past its day of swaddling clothes. You and I may still continue to rock the infant cradle and to search with unflagging interest for baby's first small tooth.

There are nearly thirty thousand Rotarians in the world today, a stupendous number as compared with the membership of ten years ago, few as compared with the population of a great city, state or nation. There are wards in Chicago whose aldermen represent in the city council a constituency of more than twice the number. In point of numbers we occupy a position only relatively important.

## Inspiration in Growth

We have not begun to exhaust our possibilities of material growth. Had the great war not put a stop to proceedings, Rotary undoubtedly would ere now have been established in some more of the belligerent countries. How far-reaching the influence of a truly international association might be in international disputes is difficult to foresee. One thing is certain and that is that its tendency would not be to aggravate differences. Who knows but what some day there may be a truly international association of Rotary clubs, representative of various national

organizations and qualified to act in matters of international scope? Rotary will continue to grow materially that her power may be greater. The opportunity for extension in South American countries, Australasia and in all parts of the civilized world is undeniable. The development seems inevitable. There may perhaps some time be ten members to every one of the present day.

Whence is to come the man power with which to cope with the problems incident to increase membership? Where shall we find men such as Klumph, Albert, Galbraith, Gundaker, and Pidgeon, who can and will make the sacrifices necessary to service on future boards? The work is almost stupendous. We owe a great debt of gratitude to these big, broad-minded men.

There is inspiration in growth. Our increase in numbers must be even more rapid in future than in the past if we desire to hold our leadership in the race. There are now several other organizations formed on our general plan. Some of them permit as many as four representatives to each line. Such obviously have a great advantage. We cannot be oblivious of the fact that some of these organizations are making wonderful progress. This is no period in the life of Rotary for smug complacency. If we indulge in it, we shall be beaten ignominiously in the race.

May we win the victory and may ours not be an easy win! Success to them, that they may be worthy of our rivalry. They may prove to be the most helpful influence that has ever been brought to bear upon us. Intolerance is hatred's most prolific hatchery. Under the old conception of religion, hatred born of intolerance struggled with love for mastery. If there must be denominational Rotary, let there nevertheless be friendliness.

## Election of Members

Possibly the existence of rival organizations may prove to be an incentive to Rotarians to permit more than one club

to a city on the theory that the existence of more than one Rotary club would be preferable to the existence of several similar but unaffiliated clubs.

Much has been written about the importance of admitting to membership only those of highest standing. In view of the fact that our membership is limited, it is an especially important consideration. If we are to affect the practices of the trades represented we must do so thru powerful personalities. Members must be of high standing if the club is to be. But let the rating be of character, not of finances. There are many big little men and as many little big men. Let us not be forgetful of the fact that Christ himself if on earth this day would be unnamed in the books of Dun or Bradstreet.

Men come and live and go, without ever having made worthy demand upon the big man inside. Within you and me there is a man and there is a superman. Will there be a crisis in your life or mine so imperative, so undeniable that you or I will of necessity cast off old self and drag this superman from within? How would it seem to be so engrossed in a purpose so great, so exacting, so unselfish that time would stand stock still?

### These Are Mighty Times

In the life of Rotary, will there be a crisis so imperative, so undeniable that Rotary will mightily raise itself above itself and throw off all that is trivial? These are mighty times. This is a serious age, more in keeping with deep, intense thought than with fun. It would seem that the world has made more progress in the last ten years than in preceding centuries. Theology, law, medicine, and last but not by any means least, business, have simply burst the walls of worn-out precedent and dogmas that have held them captive and have come into the light of truth and to recognition of the fact that service is life.

Possibly within the next ten years we shall arrive at the point where it will be thought as sacred a duty to train the character of youth as to train the intellect, when sociology will be considered as essential a feature of religious training as the books of Moses. How much better a place to live in is the world today than it was two or three centuries ago. Can you realize the fact that men of those

times were burned at the stake just for thinking?

Perhaps no institutions have developed more in point of character than clubs. It is a far cry from the boisterous conviviality of the early English clubs to the purposefulness of Rotary of today. Play has its proper place in the affairs of men and boys, but life must not be all play.

I am a believer in universal service, not with sword and bayonet but with a pick and shovel. If I had my way every boy regardless of birth and station would have his day, not in digging trenches from which to kill, but in making good roads over which commerce could flow, in tilling the soil that there might be an abundance for all. By dint of universal participation in humble and wholesome service, I would raise a democracy so secure that political storms could not shake it, for its foundation would be the bed rock of reality.

I would increase life's measure of happiness by increasing men's capacity to enjoy. The present day quest of happiness too frequently begins and ends with the pursuit of wealth and in oblivion of the fact that there is a theory of equitable compensation running thruout nature's laws; that happiness must be earned. Life is a scheme of service and the sooner that fact is understood, the more readily we shall be able to adjust ourselves, the larger our reward, the more abundant our happiness.

### Understand Nature's Laws

We must have a better understanding of nature's laws. They are more humane than human laws, tho inexorable. The fact that nature's laws are inexorable is the most humane of all their manifestations. Consideration of that characteristic discourages infraction. A child intuitively withdraws its hand from the hot stove and is wise enough never to put it on a hot stove again, while the adult criminal continues to transgress with reasonable chance of escape. If punishment were certain, crime would be practically unknown, and we are learning things about punishment these days—that it should be a means of making, not of ruining men. Violation of the laws of hygiene means punishment of the severest kind because it affects health, upon which happiness so depends.

He who breathes deeply has the better chance of thinking clearly. He whose

mind is right is most likely to be morally right and to understand the doctrine of "Service above Self."

In my town there is a young multi-millionaire who recently gave \$100,000 for a rug. Last winter it was said that human lives could be saved in Armenia for about ten dollars per head. If the report is true, the price of the rug in terms of human lives was ten thousand lives. Think of it, the lives of ten thousand men, women and children! This same young millionaire is a likable man. I have no doubt but what he would have risked his own life to have saved the life of any one of those Armenians had the situation been such that it appeared to him to be the thing to do. The trouble is that he permitted his thinking to be done by the dames and beaux of fashion. He broke no man-made law and yet in the sight of God is there any difference between sins of omission and sins of commission? Shall we ever understand that the other fellow's necessities should have precedence over our luxuries, our absurdities? If so, we shall attain the estate of the brotherhood of man.

If Rotary fails to find a way to rise above its present limitations, the grandeur of our development will be but comparative. It is to be expected that Rotary will be inspired to draw upon the big man inside, to rise far above self and its surroundings; tho prevented from great numerical growth by its plan of membership, it can nevertheless be without spiritual limitations. In the broader sense, Rotary may well be all things to all men. We may limit the number of those who bear the responsibilities of Rotary but the best that there is in it must be open to all. Ours has become an endowment too rich to be confined to any organization the membership of which is in any manner restricted.

#### How Rotary Can Grow

Rotary will have begun its real growth when it begins to put into systematic and practical operation its plan of making all Rotarians representatives of Rotary in their respective lines of trade. In this manner it becomes possible to minister to the needs of all. Here is our open door. If all other means of ingress and egress be barred and fastened, let this door always be open.

The late Dr. Münsterberg said that the

Will is the man. Certain it is that the will of man dwarfs titanic difficulties, rises above genius and holds dominion over all mortal things. If the will of man once gives the command, this world will know no more war, no more intemperance, no more pestilence, no more want; because after all has been said and done, these are simply ridiculous things.

You say I am dreaming? Five years ago, I would have said as much to any one making such a statement; but times are changing wonderfully, Friend. Today even the man about the town, the bon vivant, is predicting National Prohibition; and war is committing suicide. I wish that it might be Rotary's privilege to deal the hideous monster a farewell thrust. The only perfectly lawless thing loose in the world today is a civilized nation.

Right here I want to make an admission, and in advance to explain that I am not making it for flattery's sake. I am making it because I am deeply convinced of its truth. I want to admit that in my humble opinion the one irresistible force that is making prohibition inevitable is the force that stands back of good business. Ministers and reformers have been battering against the fortress of intemperance from time immemorial. Doubtless they have helped greatly in many ways; they have helped business to a clearer understanding of the injurious effects of the use of liquor.

Finally the business world has awakened to the fact that alcohol and efficient business will no more mix than oil and water. Railroads and other great industries not only demand of their employees that they do not drink during business hours, but they say further—"We cannot afford to have in our employ men who drink at all." The Illinois Steel Company now permits a milk wagon route thru its entire plant and publishes a bulletin educating employees in the effect of the use of liquor. One of their bulletins recently came out with the significant inquiry—"What has booze ever done for you?" There is not much that is sentimental about the way that business handles big questions, but the business man generally brings to bear a keen insight.

#### Service and Economy

The business crusade against dishonesty is no less effective than its crusade against intemperance. Dishonesty's great ally is extravagance. Economy is the culture



that will put the dishonesty bacteria out of business when once it gets its forces together in the business blood-stream. Few men are intentionally dishonest. In most instances they are driven to it by desperate social requirements. Many a man has been behind the bars, a martyr to his family's extravagance and his own weakness, and many another man has lost out in the business race as a result of his having made excessive charges to cover high expenses. One can sometimes get a pretty good idea as to the quantity and quality of service a young lawyer can afford to render, by taking note of what he spends his money for and how he spends.

Are you interested in service? You are interested in economy then. Some people despise it and if circumstances make its presence necessary, they will cover it over with a hundred and one little pretexts and shams, not half so slightly as rugged, honest economy, the most underrated of all human virtues. Bear in mind that I am writing about the economy that makes men and women, not the economy that makes misers; the economy that is necessary to enable one to measure up to his full responsibilities and to do his share of the world's work whatever its rigors may be. Economy also is a great aid to business in that it is the enemy of that old murderer which men call worry. They are making a science of economy in Europe today and civilization will profit by their experiences.

If extravagance affects honesty, how disastrous then must it be to charity; and the question arises—How long may we avoid life's responsibilities on the plea of being broke?

Penal statutes against waste, and compulsory insurance to be provided by the government at cost, will go a long way toward abbreviating the list of prevalent evils. I stand for simplicity and against extravagance and luxury in the life of Rotary. Let us not indulge in costly and fantastic demonstrations so long as there are real purposes yet to be served.

#### The Will of Rotary

There are two available methods of abetting national crime; one is by openly assailing opposition to it and the other is by declaring remedial measures impracticable. "I can't" never built any telephone systems nor railroads. "I will" built them. The "can't" men and women

have spiked many a good gun. Pessimistic friends did as much to retard the development of the prohibition movement as optimistic enemies, and there will be those who will continue to deride world peace theorists until the day when theory will give way to fact. Peace among nations must be the order of the day; and if commercial boycott proves inadequate to quell disturbances then armed force must be resorted to.

It is an easier matter to interest men in war than it is to interest them in peace; it therefore requires more moral courage to talk peace than to talk war. Fourth of July oratory has a natural leaning toward the bellicose. George Bernard Shaw has said that Americans seem to know that their institutions are great and glorious, but know nothing of them beyond that fact. I think that Americans would do well (and can at the same time be quite as patriotic) to turn some of their oratory toward educating their fellow countrymen to the idea that there are other people in the world besides themselves entitled to a view-point. How can we be certain that the other fellow needs a whaling before we know anything else about him?

If the will of Rotary once gives the command, Rotary may place itself in the very vanguard of progress; but its step must be quick and certain, for the pace is terrific.

#### Not Pharisees but Rotarians!

There are many church going people who get little benefit from their church affiliations. Why? Because they view church going, bible reading, and prayers as ends and not means to ends. Sermons to such are not an inspiration to deeds, but merely an enjoyable sensation, a warming, cheering influence. Having been born in the right spot, geographically speaking, their theology is sound, their orthodoxy unimpeachable. Such are not real Christians or real Jews; they are modern Pharisees, very observant of forms and ceremonies and very forgetful of the needs of men; and so may it not prove to be the case that we shall have to face the same conditions in our own circles?

We shall have to watch our steps closely lest Rotary prove to be to us a mere thrill, a sensation to be experienced at club meetings, not a means to an end—the welfare and happiness of men. May we be Rotarians, not modern Pharisees!



# The Evolution of Rotary

By Glenn C. Mead, Rotary Club of Philadelphia, Pa.

Rotarian Mead was the second president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. This article, which is an exceptionally clear, concise recital of the origin and development of the Rotary movement, was an address delivered before his home club, 17 October, 1916.



IN an editorial which appeared in its issue of August 20, 1916, *The Philadelphia North American* described Rotary as a new Man Force; its origin was attributed to the desire of one man in a great city to come into closer contact with his fellows, and to learn more of their daily lives and occupations. Rotary began as a protest against the indifference of the crowd, and sought a cure for the lonesomeness of the individual in the midst of the multitude.

This was no new problem, but one which from time immemorial has come under the observation of those who dwell in great cities and know not their neighbors. The instinct of human nature and the hunger for congenial fellowship have, at least in individuals of strong personality, resented the desolateness of dense populations, and earnestly opposed the application of the law of supply and demand to human sympathy, believing and asserting that the greater the numbers in which men congregate together, the wider the field and the better the opportunity for cultivating neighborliness and regard for our fellow-man.

So at the outset, Rotary devoted its attention to breaking down the barriers which isolate human beings from one another in the great centers where men and their families have gathered together in response to the demands of modern business and commercial life.

## New Plan to Solve Old Problem

Undoubtedly, it was the success of Rotary in this early undertaking that first brought it into notice, and that success may be attributed to the new way in which Rotary tackled an old and difficult job. Much of the painful indifference that the crowd felt for its constituent atoms can be blamed upon the fierce competitions of the commercial and industrial world, where the reward of success was great, where only the fittest could survive, and where thoughtfulness for the other fellow was considered a sure sign of weakness and an

invitation to failure. Business competition was held to be indispensable and its methods were merciless; therefore social justice and neighborly interest were not of its concern.

So Rotary looked elsewhere for its plan of organization, and instead of competition tried friendly and sensible cooperation. Cooperation was the soil in which the seed of Rotary was sown, and the success and growth of our organization are justly attributed to that right start and wholesome beginning. Cooperation, both economically and socially, is basic truth and eternal principle, and upon it the structure of Rotary was securely founded.

For half a decade, from 1905 to 1910, this quiet but effective experiment in friendly cooperation among business men was being tried out in fifteen of the largest cities in the United States. In each of these fifteen centers, a Rotary club, on entirely independent lines and hardly conscious of the existence of its sister clubs in other cities, established itself, grew in size and strength, and made itself so useful to its members and revealed to them such possibilities of cooperation that they became enthusiasts. It seemed to them, indeed, that there was, at last, something new under the sun in the way that men could be brought together for mutual helpfulness and inspiration.

As the grain of mustard seed, buried in the dark soil, forces its way up thru the clods of earth into the air and sunlight, and grows into a plant of strength and productiveness, so the end of the first five-year period of Rotary's obscure existence found it bursting the bonds of its obscurity and putting forth flowers and foliage of bright promise. In the year 1910, Rotary made its bow to the world by extending the field of cooperative experiment from a few communities to all the cities of the United States; in that year the National Association of Rotary Clubs was founded in Chicago, and the spread of the spirit of cooperation as exemplified in Rotary became rapid in all parts of this country.

### Scope of Activities Widened

Almost immediately upon the association of existing Rotary clubs in a national organization, the idea of civic activity found its place in the purposes and activities of all the clubs. The value of this organization to its members had been so emphatically demonstrated as to require no further proof, and Rotarians were thinking of bigger programs of usefulness which their clubs could carry out in their respective communities. Now the true spirit of cooperation is not boastful, conceited, or hungry for glory, and in undertaking civic activities Rotary from the very start sought not to monopolize the honor of achieving civic betterments, but to lend its powerful aid to such projects, cooperating with and following the lead of the older and larger organizations which are found in every city by the various names of chambers of commerce, boards of trade, commercial clubs and charitable and aid societies. Rotary had no pride to lead, but in many instances, was forced to do so, and its leadership everywhere stood for unqualified success and popular approval.

To enumerate the permanent civic work of Rotary thruout the cities of this country would make a catalogue of vast size, and yet in all this story of achievement the spirit animating our clubs has been cooperation with individuals, with organizations, and with public officials, that the general good might be advanced.

From the character of its membership, a Rotary club is the most representative body of men that could be organized in a great city. The representation of all lines of business insures a complete and well-rounded collection of information and opinion on every question of public interest. Where this opinion is so unanimous as to obtain concerted action from the club, the result may safely be considered a fair index to public opinion in the community.

Perhaps the most notable contribution to civic thought that has come from Rotary is to be found in the Rotary Club of Dayton, of which the most conspicuous member is John H. Patterson, known thruout the business world as head of the National Cash Register Company. Mr. Patterson had a prominent place on the program of the Rotary convention, held in July, 1916, at Cincinnati, and the day following that convention he and his club and city entertained 2,000 Rotarians in Dayton and at

the plant of the National Cash Register Company. Mr. Patterson has been quoted as saying that he had been waiting all his life for such an organization as Rotary, to supply an effective agency of usefulness to the business world and the public welfare.

This eminent Rotarian and the Dayton Club stand enthusiastically behind the Commission-Manager form of city government, which Dayton has adopted and successfully applied, and are convinced that it is the true solution of the difficult problem which every city in the United States has been struggling with for years. The Dayton Rotarians are enthusiasts for this type of municipal government, and have put the resources and personnel of their own club at the disposal of all the Rotary clubs of the United States, for the purpose of explaining its operation in every city thruout the land; and if the adoption of this plan should become general in American cities, the credit will in no small measure be due to Rotarian support.

### Spreads into British Empire

In 1912 the development of Rotary was further emphasized by its spread into cities of the British Empire, which led to the creation of our present association, known as the International Association of Rotary Clubs, superseding what had previously been a national association, confined entirely to the United States. The horizon of Rotary was pushed back, and thoughtful Rotarians realized that it was possible for Rotary not only to establish friendly relations between different cities, but also between different countries.

The same interest and confidence in Rotary which America exhibited were inspired by clubs of high character and strong personnel which were established beyond the seas. We know that Rotary is strong there as well as here, and we have been able to observe with gratification and delight that the Rotary Club of Edinburgh is as powerful a force in that city as the Rotary Club of Dayton is in its home city; and how close the Edinburgh Club is to British public opinion may be realized from the fact that two of its meetings have been rendered notable by addresses from Lord Roseberry, the distinguished former Prime Minister of the British Empire.

When our association became international in character and name, the door was opened for further and greater usefulness in the direction of better understanding

and greater sympathy among the nations. Perhaps the establishment during the last year of a Rotary club of the highest character in Havana, Cuba, may be the beginning of the spread of Rotarian influence thruout the great business centers of Latin America.

### Business Code of Ethics

In 1913 Rotary further broadened its foundations and enlarged its field of usefulness by definitely and expressly adopting as one of its purposes the bringing of the standards of business up to the very highest plane of fair and square dealing. Business, thru Rotary, asserted its self-respect by claiming a sense of honor equally jealous with that of the older and learned professions, and set itself to write down a code of business ethics which should be as lofty in tone and as exacting in regulation as any ever promulgated by the professions. After two years of work and discussion, the Rotary Code of Ethics was adopted in 1915 at the San Francisco Convention, and has attracted general attention in business circles. It proclaimed as the cornerstone of the business of the future the Golden Rule. If such a rule of conduct for business men seems somewhat lofty and unattainable, it is reassuring to know that Rotarians have endeavored to give practical application to this ideal, believing that ideals are for use and not for show.

It is a universal characteristic of business and business men always to seek to extend the market, and the restlessness of commerce has spread civilization around the world. Hence we are not surprised to find that Rotarians, following the lead of the Rotary Club of Birmingham, Alabama, came to believe that whatever standards and practices were good for themselves were good for all; and from that desire to pass along generally, thru the rank and file of business, whatever there was in Rotary that was excellent, arose the conception of Rotary as a central power plant, from which a force and a current of Rotarian doctrine could be transmitted by its representatives to every craft and business in existence. The usefulness of the reservoir is not forever to retain its contents, but constantly to distribute them in every direction for use. Whatever there is good in Rotary belongs to the world, and to the world of business it can and shall be given by the members of Rotary clubs, who are the natural and acceptable intermediaries

between Rotary and the businesses represented in it.

### Strong Inclination to Serve

In the development of all this activity which I have briefly outlined, you will observe the strong inclination of Rotary to be useful, to labor, to help, to *serve*. In the lexicon of Rotary, the most prominent and important word is *service*; like many other words of action, it has numerous significations, and the evolution of Rotary has followed the widening of the definition of *service*. There is not a better or nobler word in the English language than this; it is the motto of kings, the goal of patriotism, the spirit of religion. And yet it is undoubtedly true that in the beginning Rotary understood and applied the term *service* as synonymous with efficiency in craft and shop; every business house boasts of its "service," meaning the skill and punctuality with which it supplies its products or labor to its customers. But this meaning is restricted and technical; it does not describe the kind of *service* that Rotary has become the exponent of.

*"So nigh is grandeur to our dust,  
So near is God to man,  
When duty whispers low, Thou must,  
The youth replies, I can."*

The youthful Rotary has looked upon the tremendous industrial, social and political problems of the present, and boldly proclaimed that the solution of them all lies in *service*—*service* that is wise, unselfish and as broad as this old earth itself. Some one has said that Boston is not so much a place as it is a state of mind; the same may be said of Rotary—it is a state of mind—a desire to do things effectively for the general good. But it does not stop there or fold its hands in self-righteous complacency; *practical service*, wherever the opportunity for service is found, constitutes the purpose and function of Rotary.

### An Example of Rotary Service

A single instance will serve to illustrate. About the time the militia of the different States was summoned to the Mexican border, General Bell, of the United States Army, happened to be a guest at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City; he there stated that the families of many of the soldiers would be subjected to want and privation by reason of the absence of the bread-winners. As soon as the General had sat down, a motion was made and carried that the Club make financial ar-



rangements to provide for any want or distress among the families of Utah soldiers; immediately after luncheon \$20,000 was underwritten by Rotarians, and that amount put at the disposal of a special committee in funds immediately available at Walker Brothers' Bank. This was real service, as Rotary of to-day understands it—practical, immediate, unselfish aid and cooperation for the accomplishment of worthy ends.

Such service as this, constantly put into operation, in the numerous Rotary organizations of this and other countries, brings to Rotary an influence which is unlimited in its possibilities for good, and promises ever-increasing achievement and steady progress.

Rotary has mobilized the ideals of the race, and put them into operation and practice thru the most efficient instrumentality the world has ever seen—the business men of the twentieth century.

So, in conclusion, let me quote from Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, who says, "You have seen Rotary grow and develop from a little local reciprocal helpfulness to a great big movement of real altruism, and you, like all the rest of us, have grown with Rotary."

### Who Is Glenn C. Mead?

*The following appreciation of Glenn Mead and of Rotary was published in "The Atlantic City Review,"*

*in its column headed "Who's Who In Philadelphia," in its issue of 22 November, 1916:*

Much has been said in this column about the lawyers of Philadelphia. They constitute a tower of strength in a community having so many diverse interests that the people naturally run counter at times and bring each other up, with a quick sharp turn, in the courts. The lawyers are rarely given credit, however, for the large amount of business which they keep out of the courts.

To this class of conservators of the public peace belongs the first presiding officer of the Rotarians. The Rotary club is a get-together organization, cementing friendships and fostering the principles of harmony. Mr. Glenn C. Mead has not only the distinction of having been the first president of the Rotary club in Philadelphia, but he has also been the international president of the Rotary clubs of the World.

Some months ago the Rotarians gave Mr. Mead a surprise party on the occasion of his birthday. A big birthday cake, with 70 candles twinkling in the frosting, graced the center of the table, altho Mr. Mead insisted that it was his 46th birthday. This would indicate that no man is sure of his own age when so many influences conspire to make him feel that he is only beginning to live.

The wholesome Rotarian atmosphere, with its rejuvenating tendency, is being felt thruout the civilized world.

## A Rotarian Prayer

Mrs. Fred W. Gage, Battle Creek, Mich.

**G**RANT ME the coveted privilege, I pray Thee,  
Of becoming one strong spoke within the wheel.

Grant that I may avail myself of Thy abundant bounty  
In that I may know and feel

The intent of lofty purpose—the unity of action

Incumbent upon me in acceptance of my share

Of life's allotted daily burdens. Teach me,

That I may humbly, graciously help someone bear  
What may become to both a cross of renunciation.

Give me the eyes to see—the heart to understand

The petty needs—the greater sorrows

Of my suffering fellow-man.

Grant that I may stand uprightly

Before the great tribunal seat

Of my own discerning, conscious soul,

And give to me the serene grace to meet,

At any time, my Saviour or my neighbor.

Grant that I may not seek to walk in comfort

The beaten path which men have trodden day after day,

But let me tread my own way firmly and with courage,

Unafraid and unashamed to do the small tasks in my way.

Graciously grant to me the boon of a thankful, joyous heart,

And an active, helpful life at peace with all my fellow-men.

Give me the kindly firmness of endeavor

Which will offer to the world but my best; and when

I stand to weigh my faults and indiscretions,

Let me reverently feel

That I have been one strong spoke, well fitted,

Within the great revolving wheel

Whose axis is Destiny.



## The Beginnings of Rotary

# Chicago, The Mother Club

By Philip R. Kellar, Chicago, Ill.

*Being a chronicle of the early days of Rotary, joyfully written by one who has been compelled to secure his facts in conversation with the early Rotarians and by searching among the archives of Rotary.*

**I**N THE year 1905 in the City of Chicago, Illinois, in the United States of America, there was born an idea, whose father was a young lawyer with only a few friends, and whose mother was the loneliness of a great city. That idea was Rotary, for Rotary is a state of mind which expresses itself thru the organization of human beings called a Rotary club.

The young lawyer was Paul P. Harris, a native of Racine, Wisconsin; raised in Wallingford, Vermont; a student at the University of Vermont, Princeton University and at the University of Iowa; who had settled in Chicago a few years previous to practice his profession. In the five years immediately following his graduation from the University of Iowa, Harris learned many times what it means for a man to be lonely in a big city. He spent those five years traveling about the world, paying his expenses from funds earned as he went along. He visited all parts of the United States in that period, was in Europe three times, and in the West Indies.

### This was the idea

Man is friendly by nature.

The necessity for earning a livelihood under modern economic conditions should not force a man to sacrifice his natural instinct to have friends and to be friendly.

The man in the city should have business and professional friends just as does the man in the small town.

Friendship should be and in reality is one of the fundamental basis of a man's business relations with his fellow-men. The bitterness and strife engendered by modern competition has had a decided tendency to stifle and strangle such friendship, especially in the larger communities.

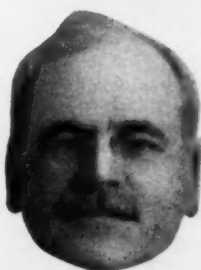
A little circle of men belonging to different professions and engaged in different occupations would be freed from the depressing and restraining influence of economic competition; would quickly develop into genuine friends capable of and desiring to be of service to one another; would become broader-minded and bigger-visioned, because of contact with each other, and therefore more successful and capable in business, and better citizens.

In his efforts to put this idea into practical use, to make it of genuine service, Paul Harris organized the first Rotary club the evening of 23 February, 1905. There were three other members and they met in the office of one of them in the Unity Building in Chicago. The others were Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer; H. E. Shorey, a merchant tailor; and Gus H. Loehr, a mining operator. It was an informal meeting. There was no chairman. Shorey was secretary. They talked over the matter of organizing a club to promote friendship and agreed to meet a week later

### THE FOUR ORIGINAL ROTARIANS



Paul P. Harris



Silvester Schiele



Gus H. Loehr



H. E. Shorey

in the office of Harris. At the second meeting, a few more were present by invitation. The third meeting was held at Schiele's office and at this time the formal organization was effected and Schiele was chosen president.

#### Harris Works in the Ranks

During the first and second years of the club's young life, Harris declined to become a candidate for the office of president. He believed that he could render more effective service to the organization by remaining in the ranks. He was elected president the third year and was re-elected a year later. In the middle of his second term he resigned and was succeeded by Harry L. Ruggles, who was supported by Harris and who, Harris states, was the first one to share the founder's serious views as to the possibilities of creating a great club in the city of Chicago. The devotion of Ruggles to the interests of the Chicago club is as keen today as it was on the day he became its president, and his loyalty is unflagging.

While the charter members of the first Rotary club are a little in doubt, they are inclined to believe that it was at this third meeting when the organization was christened. Regarding the manner in which the name was decided upon Paul Harris made the following explanation:

"I think I suggested several names, among which was 'Rotary.' The name 'Rotary' came to me from the thought that we were rotating about in our meetings from the office of one

member to another. It met with favor and was adopted."

By the following Autumn the membership had grown so that meetings in offices were no longer practical and upon the suggestion of Harry Ruggles it was decided to have dinner together and then their meetings. This was the start of the dinner meetings. The first one was at the old Sherman House in the main dining-room. After dinner the members held their club meeting in a smaller room upstairs. After that they secured a private dining room and had dinner and their club meeting in the same room. Thus started the dinner meetings which the Chicago club still holds twice a month. The luncheon meetings were not started until later.

#### Association Born in Chicago

When meeting at the various offices, the members became acquainted with each other's place of business and learned how they could be of help to the other fellow. Thus, almost from the start, there began the development of the Rotary idea of service, which, together with the idea of friendship, are the fundamental bases of the philosophy and practice of Rotary. This, also, was the inspiration of the practice of hav-

ing the different members of a Rotary club discuss their business before the club, as an educational feature of the club work.

Seven years later Loehr paid this tribute to Harris: "From the beginning Harris did all the work and he has fathered and developed the idea



The men who organized the first Rotary Club. From left to right they are: Sylvester Schiele, Paul P. Harris, H. E. Shorey, and Gus H. Loehr.

### A Visit to the Mecca of Rotarians

One of the delights of visiting Chicago is the opportunity to drop in on Paul P. Harris, the Father of Rotary, give him news and information and greetings from your home club, and talk with him with regard to Rotary of the present and the future. Perhaps, if the circumstances of the occasion permit, you may have him urge you to go out with him to his suburban home at Morgan Park to spend the evening in further discussion of Rotary.

Paul is not these days in the most robust health, and he has not found it possible to travel much to visit the clubs and attend the conferences and to participate in the annual convention, but he always has a hand of welcome for those Rotarians who come to his office or to his home. His office is centrally located in the First National Bank Building, at Monroe and Dearborn Streets, in Chicago, and his home is some fifteen miles out at Morgan Park, famous for its Military Academy. There he lives in a simple domestic manner with his charming wife from Edinburgh, who is not one whit less pleased to welcome the visiting Rotarians than is her famous husband.

Every International officer and every club president who finds himself in Chicago makes it a point to pay his respects to Paul Harris, and more than one Rotarian has arranged to come to Chicago, solely or mainly for that single purpose. There is something charming and delightful in this idea of Rotary having an ancestral home, a place of origin, and a custodian of the unquenchable fire from which we all light our torches and perhaps some of us relight them again and again, when thru carelessness or bad weather our torch lights have gone out.

A long life to Paul Harris, and may his pursuit of the practice of law become more and more remunerative, so that he may have to do less and less law work, and have more and more time to entertain the visiting Rotarian—even until he shall do nothing else.—Chesley R. Perry.



*Paul P. Harris snapped in January 1917 in grounds of his home at Morgan Park, a suburb of Chicago.*

until it has grown into the great movement it is."

As Chicago was the birthplace of the first Rotary club, so it was the birthplace of the first association of Rotary clubs. Three and a half years later, in November, 1908, the Rotary idea of organized friendship, fellowship, and service, had spread to the Pacific Coast and resulted in the organization of a club in San Francisco, which was the second club. Other clubs were organized in other cities—in Oakland, Los Angeles, Seattle, Tacoma, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans, St. Paul and Minneapolis, St. Louis, and in 1910 representatives from the clubs met in Chicago, in response to an invitation issued by the Chicago club and Harris, and organized the National Association of Rotary Clubs, with Harris as president and Chesley R. Perry as secretary. The association was changed into an international organization at the third convention held in Duluth in 1912.

Perry, who has continued thru these years

as secretary of the National and then of the International Association, became a member of the Chicago club in January 1908, joining the same night with Arthur Frederick Sheldon who gave to Rotary its slogan **HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST.**

The association of Paul Harris and Chesley Perry is a living proof of the wonderful possibilities inherent in Rotary to develop firm friendships. At first Harris and Perry did not agree.

"Probably Ches thought me visionary," Harris explains, "but having once become converted to the idea, he has never deviated a moment from the purpose. It might be worthy of comment, that prior to finding ourselves launched in the same enterprise—that of national and international Rotary extension—Ches and I had been more likely to disagree than to agree in club policies. If debates were on, the rule was that he headed one column and I the other. So no profound friendship existed between us.

"The thing that won me to him was the





Two old members of the Chicago Rotary Club "caught" at the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad station, en route with Chicago Rotarians to visit the Rotary Club of Milwaukee: Rufus F. Chapin (left), International Treasurer, and Chesley R. Perry, International Secretary

fact that I could pick no flaw in his work. He did everything so much more thoroughly than I had any right to expect that he won first my respect, then my admiration, and then me. We have never differed materially on any of the major issues in Rotary. The most marked evidence of his adaptability to his work and his most characteristic point of superiority is to be found in the fact that his wires are insulated. He is positively a non-conductor of calumny."

#### Founder Tells of Origin

And then the Founder of Rotary was asked to tell how Rotary started.

"How did Rotary come to start?" he asked in reply. "Well, I had been thinking about some such an association for quite a while. One of the things which set me to thinking especially upon this matter was a visit I paid to a brother lawyer at his home in an outlying part of Chicago.

"After dinner we went for a walk. Step-

ping into the drug store, he introduced me to the druggist. Then we dropped into the cigar store and I met the cigar man. We paused a moment or two at the grocery store, and I met the grocer. And so on, around the neighborhood. My friend seemed to know almost everybody, and I realized that such an acquaintance must be very beneficial to a man. I felt that it ought to be possible to have some sort of a club where a man in a big city could have the advantages of acquaintance and friendship and business opportunities which he would have in a small community where he could know everybody."

The Founder of Rotary, upon whom was conferred the position and title of President Emeritus of Rotary, at the first international convention, paused for a moment.

"It is a mistake," he added reflectively, "to think that Rotary was conceived in selfishness. The idea that inspired and dominated me was helpfulness."

### Be Glad

*By James Whitcomb Riley*

O, heart of mine, we shouldn't

Worry so.

What we've missed of calm we couldn't

Have, you know!

What we've met of stormy pain

And of sorrow's driving rain,

We can better meet again

If it blow.

For we know, not every morrow

Can be sad;

So, forgetting all the sorrow

We have had,

Let us fold away our fears

And put by our foolish tears,

And through all the coming years

Just be glad.

# History of the Rotary Code of Ethics

By J. R. Perkins, Rotary Club of Sioux City, Ia.

**T**HE Rotary Code of Ethics for business men in all lines is a peculiar blending of philosophy, business rules, and aspirations that may be termed religious. It is predicated on the deepest longing of the race and in its upreach it more nearly approximates the ideal social order than any other code extant. So the writer gives to Rotary this account of its writing down and adoption, believing that the movement's mission to life is so full of meaning that such records of its history should be preserved.

At the convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, held at Buffalo, N. Y., in August, 1913, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that the incoming administration appoint a commission whose duty it shall be to prepare a code of ethics to be submitted at the next annual convention for its consideration.

That resolution may be considered the first effort to put into concrete form the Rotary Code of Ethics, altho that step was the outgrowth of the attempts of many Rotarians to express in words their efforts to apply to the so-called practical affairs of life the underlying principles of Rotary which they were beginning to grasp.

## Committee Is Appointed

In the following month, September, 1913, Russell F. Greiner of Kansas City, who had been elected president of the International Association at Buffalo, appointed upon the commission provided for in the resolution the following Rotarians: Robert W. Hunt of Sioux City, chairman; Osceola Archer of San Antonio; George W. Harris of Washington, D. C.; J. J. Jenkins of Los Angeles, Martin C. Rotier of Milwaukee.

An interesting phase of the development of the Code is the fact that the final revision, as it was presented at Houston in 1914 and adopted in San Francisco in 1915, was made by a delegation of Rotarians on the train en route to the Houston convention. About two weeks prior to the Houston convention, chairman Hunt asked the writer and several other members of the Sioux City Rotary Club to

assist him in making the final draft of the code. These unofficial members of the committee were John O. Knutson, August Williges, James Whittemore, Thomas B. Hutton, J. R. Perkins, Dr. Frank Murphy and Frank Lamar. Before the departure for Houston, Murphy and Lamar took part in the revision work. The first five named were those who completed the task on the train.

At the first meeting of the unofficial committee we found that Mr. Hunt had made broad research and embodied many ideas from many sources in a lengthy manuscript. To arrange this material and to evolve from it the salient features of a code became our task. This work was made more difficult by the fact that none of us—and this perhaps was true of all Rotarians—had a very clear conception of what that code should be.

So we came up to the day of starting for Houston with the structure of the code unfinished and with a manuscript of 5,000 words on our hands, and somewhere among those words we believed we would find sentences and phrases out of which the code could be formed.

## Fears and Hopes of Workers

I suppose most Rotarians have the code framed and before them in clear cut phrases, brief and comprehensive at once, but few can appreciate the doubts and fears and hopes alternatively that filled the minds of the men who worked en route to Houston to give final expression to ideas we believed to be uppermost in Rotary life and thought. For the final draft of the Rotary Code of Ethics was made in a Pullman on the way to the convention, and not a member of the committee appointed under the Buffalo resolution was present.

Perhaps the writer knows as well as anyone to whom belongs this idea and that idea now appearing in the code, but he is frank to confess that he doesn't know the origin of any of the ideas, altho he, with the four other members of the Sioux City Club, had much to do with the phrasing. Nobody will ever be able to trace the ideas to their source; they are



Members of the "Unofficial" Committee of Rotarians who prepared the final revision of the Rotary Code of Ethics while on the train en route to the Houston Convention in 1914. Hunt was chairman of the official committee and the others responded to his request for aid.



a part of the thinking of the race—cosmic in sweep and of universal appeal to all men in all time.

The preamble of the code as it stands today has just a little more than a hundred words. Originally, in the manuscript of Mr. Hunt, it had a thousand words, based on an article written by one of the editors of *The Saturday Evening Post*. Following this preamble, in the manuscript of Mr. Hunt, marked by Roman numerals, were some thirty long paragraphs that contained ideas to be more clearly evolved in the final recension of the code.

### Labor as Train Pounds On

While the long train pounded on towards Houston, the Sioux City delegation worked to evolve and phrase the eleven articles that stand in the Rotary Code of Ethics. We did not alter the preamble in Mr. Hunt's manuscript, and it was read as he wrote it, to the Rotarians in convention assembled. But the articles of the code itself were revised both as to phrasing and contents. The third, eighth, and ninth articles, in their basal ideas, were not found in the manuscript, but grew out of the general discussion. The tenth article, which in the writer's judgment is the highest ethical upreach of them all, did not appear in Mr. Hunt's manuscript, tho it was held to be germane to the whole and really expressive of what is fundamental in Rotary.

The code's summary contains two ideas borrowed from William James and Emil Butttroux. The latter author in his book, *"Education and Ethics,"* propounds the idea that is express in the paragraph beginning with "The motive of the code." The final paragraph, beginning with "The value of the code," is a bit of pragmatic philosophy from William James, but he really borrowed it from European philosophy.

Some very serious work was done on the code, and from Mr. Hunt and his committee down to the men who made the final draft there was high purpose in all the motives and labor.

At the Houston convention in June, 1914, the writer, at the request of chairman Hunt, read the report of the committee offering a code of ethics for consideration by the association. The report was unanimously adopted and the code placed before all Rotarians for discussion.

This article would not be complete with-

out a frank statement of a little controversy the writer had with one Chesley R. Perry of Chicago. The controversy, while not very pleasant at the time, proved of great value in the final arrangement of the code. It grew out of the confusing of the code proper with the preamble that the writer read for Mr. Hunt at Houston.

It was Mr. Hunt's apparent intention to use the preamble as the basis of an address to clear the way for the presentation of the articles of the code. Now it happened that the writer read the lengthy preamble from beginning to end without knowing just how much of it had been borrowed without being credited. When Mr. Perry called his attention to this fact the writer, in turn, took up the matter with Mr. Hunt, who admitted that much of his material was in the rough.

### Adopted After Year's Study

But one thing became clear in the controversy: that the preamble was one thing and the code of ethics quite another. So, while the original preamble, as read at Houston, contained much of an article that had appeared in another publication, the code itself was the joint production of Mr. Hunt, his committee, and also of every business and professional man who has thought of his work in its relation to every other man in society.

Mr. Hunt wrote upwards of a hundred letters to prominent men in and out of Rotary and thus laid the broad foundation for the code, and from this foundation another group of men from the Sioux City Club carried forward the actual phrasing of the code. Later, Secretary Perry had the code printed in its present form, cutting down the preamble to about a hundred words, but not altering the eleven commandments in the code proper.

During the year elapsing between the Houston convention in 1914 and the San Francisco convention in July, 1915, the proposed code as presented at Houston was discust thruout Rotary. L. H. Clarke of Tacoma, chairman of the 1914-15 Committee on Business Methods, included in his report to the San Francisco convention the code as presented at Houston, with a very few minor changes, most of them being changes in punctuation in order to make the meaning clearer. And the San Francisco International Rotary convention adopted the code without a dissenting vote.

# The Atlanta Convention Program

## *The Business Side*

By Frank L. Mulholland, Chairman Committee on Program and Topics

THE committee on program and topics is busily engaged on the task of building a program for the Eighth Annual Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, which will be a pleasure and an inspiration to greater deeds, and an education. With the efficient and hearty cooperation which we are receiving, and with the experiences of past program builders to guide and help us, we are certain of success. Let me tell you all just what our committee has under consideration.

As the Atlanta Rotarians are contemplating entertainment that will be refreshing and restful, so the business program of the convention is being built to omit nothing which should be done and to restrain ourselves from trying to do too much in the time available—from becoming too strenuous. The program is being worked out with the idea that calmness, consecration, and careful consideration are to comprise the mental atmosphere of the convention.

Your committee think it would be well to divide the program into four general topics, one topic for each of the four days of the general sessions as follows:

**First Day—Organization.**

**Second Day—Inspiration.**

**Third Day—Education.**

**Fourth Day—Application.**

The general sessions of the convention will consume only the forenoon of each of the first three days, but on the fourth day will continue thru the afternoon, this being the day when new officers will be elected. The new officers will be installed Thursday evening. This will give the delegates opportunity to dine and rest from the strenuous all-day session, and return to the convention hall to take part in the installation ceremonies.

Thursday evening also will be the time when the trophies and other prizes will be presented to their respective winners. In addition to the two perpetual silver trophies—the Club Attendance Cup and

the Trade and Professional Section Cup—there will be a third permanent trophy which will be donated by the Atlanta Rotary Club. This will be presented to the Rotarians of the state or province which has present at the convention the largest percentage of the total number of Rotarians in a state or province; it will be retained by the winner until another state or province wins it at an international convention.

The entertainment plans of the Atlanta Rotarians contemplate some pleasant social activity each evening and on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons.

The Round Table meetings will be held Monday and Wednesday afternoons and the meetings of the various Trade and Professional Sections will be held Tuesday afternoon. The Round Tables are to be conducted along different lines than in the past. Instead of attempting to consider a number of different subjects, we plan to have each one confine itself to one big subject and act somewhat in the nature of a committee of the whole and to report the results of its discussion to the convention before adjournment.

There will be one Round Table on "Classifications in Rotary" with Glenn C. Mead as convener; one on "Community Service" with Allen D. Albert as convener; one on "The Enlightenment of non-Rotarians as to Rotary" with Russell F. Greiner as convener; and the club secretaries in three divisions, according to population.

The Section Meetings and Round Tables will start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This will give ample time after adjournment of the general sessions of the convention for the delegates to get their luncheons and be at the meeting places on time. It is probable that many of the sections will arrange for luncheon parties to precede their business meetings. Ivan E. Allen of Atlanta is chairman of the Committee on Section Meetings and with the assistance of the Atlanta Rotarians who are vice-chairmen of the various

sections, he will make arrangements for the section meeting places.

International Headquarters will be established at the Piedmont Hotel where will be located the offices of the president, committee on credentials, secretary and the work rooms for the secretary's clerical help. The Piedmont Hotel is located with-

in one block of the Lyric Theatre in which the general sessions of the convention will be held.

Next month we will give you some of the interesting details of the program of Arch Klumph's convention. Let me hint that as speakers we expect to have two of the biggest men in North America.

## The Entertainment Plans

By Albert S. Adams, Chairman Atlanta Executive Committee

**T**O THOSE who have attended Rotary conventions, the sweetest memories are of the friendships that have been formed, and at Atlanta, in June, 1917, acquaintanceship will be made a big feature of the program of entertainment. It will be a program built so that every one will have the greatest possible opportunity for the making of new friendships and for the renewing and cementing of old ones.

To begin with, there will be no set luncheons on Monday and Tuesday, June 18 and 19. From the adjournment of each session of the convention until time for the Round Tables and Section meetings, everybody will have time to mix, and congenial souls from the four corners of the world can arrange their little luncheon parties together. The halls where the sessions of the Round Tables will be held have been selected so that all are within three or four minutes walk of one another and of the hotels and the convention hall.

Sunday morning will be given over to the pleasant task of meeting you and seeing that you are comfortably located for the week. Should you desire to attend church services, Atlanta will offer you ample opportunity, no matter what may be your sect, denomination, or religion.

There is in Atlanta, on the site of the Cotton States Exposition, a tract of beautiful land called Piedmont Park. (Any Rotarian who was at the Imperial Council meeting of the Mystic Shrine will remember it as the place where the prize drill of the Patrols was held). At the entrance to the park is the Peace Monument, erected by the Old Guard of Atlanta, commemorating fifty years of peace, the dedication ceremonies being participated in by the Philadelphia Fencibles, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston,

the Richmond Greys, and other famous organizations.

In Piedmont Park on Sunday afternoon we are going to hold an open air get-together meeting, such as Rotary has never seen. There will be a massed band concert, a few short talks, singing by quartets and chorus, and then somebody will "raise" the tune of some well beloved old hymns and everybody will sing.

There will be much moving around and many a hand clasp, with miles and miles of smiles, and "Hello, Arch and Leslie," "Glad to see you, Fritz and Guy," and "There are Allen Albert and Glenn Mead," and "Look at Russ and Frank," and "Here comes Billy Gettinger and Bob Cornell," and "Over yonder are Frank Higgins and Brunier." Oh, they are here from everywhere, and the "old boys" are happy as kids on Christmas morning, and the new fellows are seeing for the first time the men they have been reading and hearing about, and finding them even better than they expected.

Sunday evening you are free to do as you please, just visiting around the different hotels and the homes of Atlanta.

On Monday evening we are going to take you into the homes of Atlanta and entertain you at a mammoth lawn party, and there you will be welcomed and told by the sweetest of Atlanta's women how glad Atlanta and the South are to have you. Several blocks of the most beautiful yards are to be your play ground, the streets and grounds will be decorated in your honor, and all of the Rotary clubs of the southeast are to join in making you feel at home; and we hope you are going to enjoy it as much as we are in doing it for you.

On Tuesday evening will occur the President's Ball, when President Arch Klumph and his lady will hold sway and



review the Republic of Rotary. The President's Ball will be held at the Auditorium, which is the home of Metropolitan Grand Opera. Many surprises are to be prepared for you and we expect to make it one of the most beautiful events of the convention. For those of you who leave "friend wife" at home, or are yet enjoying single blessedness, we will furnish a pretty girl or two for partners; and, of course, will render the same service for those who are accompanied by wives not of a jealous disposition.

It is Wednesday; the session of the convention is over; and you hear the call, "All aboard for Larkland and the Frolics of 1917." In a few minutes you are at Lakewood, with green trees and cooling breezes all around, and rain or shine, you enjoy a genuine old fashioned barbecue. You first see the pit where the meat is cooking and get your soul full of the delicious odors. Then, well, you eat as much as you can—roast chicken, pork, lamb, with Brunswick stew and all the trimmings, and then when the "department of the interior" is satisfied the Frolic begins—stunts, a lot you never dreamed of unless you know Dixieland pretty well.

#### Carnival of the Clubs

There will be games of all sorts, ranging from Hi Li by the Cuban Clubs, to Ukelele, or whatever the national game of Hawaii is, and if there is any game particularly indigenous to your part of the world, bring it down. There will be every sort of water sports, canoe races, and water polo. One of the big pavilions, 100 by 350 ft., will be prepared for the Carnival Ball, with a big band to play dance music. The roller coaster, the old mill, the merry-go-round, will all be in full swing. The big stage in front of the grand stand will furnish a place for every stunt the clubs want to put on for the entertainment of the delegates and the boosting of the old home town.

And now darkness comes on and the lights in the trees and on the water begin to twinkle—and the big silvery moon smiles down upon a throng of happy grown ups, who are "kids" again for a few hours, and from out across the lake comes the strains of music—and, what are all of these?—why, the Rotary clubs of the world in carnival costume. Here are the clubs in costume depicting something of the history of their city, some in comics,

some in kilties, some Indian, and so on. Oh, it is wonderful and fantastic and thrilling, and they are all parading and dancing and singing; and it is fun, fun everywhere!

Next the fireworks, and then goodnight and back from Fairyland—tired and happy—to bed—and, we hope, to pleasant dreams.

#### Four Good Golf Courses

Thursday evening the convention closes with the "inauguration" at the Auditorium. There we hope to give you an hour of music. We will have the new International officers presented to us and hear their little say, the presentation of prizes, a dance, and the chance to say "Good-bye till next year, and God bless you."

The full plan for the special entertainment for the ladies is not yet ready, but they will receive every attention.

Golf and tennis tournaments both for ladies and men will be held, and cups of all sorts and sizes have been offered for every conceivable thing.

Atlanta has four splendid, eighteen hole, golf courses—one, the East Lake course, made famous by Bobbie Jones, the fourteen-year-old boy wonder, and Alexa Stirling, the seventeen-year-old woman champion; two courses of nine holes; tennis courts by the dozen; and automobile roads in every direction.

You can visit the battlefield of one of the deciding battles of the Civil War, where you can see the trenches just as we read of them in the Great War; the wonderful painting of the Battle of Atlanta; Stone Mountain (the eighth wonder of the world); the Federal Prison, where there are more famous boarders than ever gathered together before; the Sign of the Wren's Nest, home of "Uncle Remus," the originator of "The Tar Baby and Brer Rabbit"; and many other places of interest.

And over and thru all the entertainment will be the desire of everyone in Atlanta, Rotarian and non-Rotarian, that you be made to feel that Atlanta is yours. It will be the constant effort of the Atlanta Rotary Club, of the Non-Rotarian Citizens' Committee of One Hundred, of the Rotary clubs of the entire South, to anticipate your every desire, to fill every moment of your stay with joy, and when the last *au revoir* has been said, to see you tucked away in your sleeper, and in spirit see you safely home.

## How to Nominate Candidates For International Rotary Offices

In 1916 a new plan for the nomination of candidates for International offices was tried out. It was so successful that the Cincinnati Convention approved the plan and recommended it to the incoming International Board of Directors as a good plan to continue in service. (The resolution to this effect appears on page 240 of the book of proceedings of the Cincinnati Convention.) In accordance with this resolution, the Board of Directors announce that the same plan will be followed this year, as follows:

### Pre-Convention Nominations

The Rotary club or group of clubs proposing to present the name of any Rotarian for International office will inform every club in Rotary of this intention by letter. This letter will be accompanied by, or will include, a statement of the qualifications of the man proposed, his services to Rotary, his training, his business connections, and any other information or recommendations which the proposer may desire to urge. The officers of each club will receive, read to the club, and file such letters and statements and present them to the convention delegates when the latter have been selected.

The nomination letters or statements which have been issued sufficiently early and copies of which have been forwarded to the International Secretary will be published in the May, 1917, issue of THE ROTARIAN in the form of a Special Nomination Supplement. The letters to the clubs may be as long as the writers desire to make them. The statements for publication in the supplement shall not exceed 450 words in length, without photograph, or 300 words with photograph. If half-tone plates accompany the letters they shall be exactly 1 1-2 inches wide and 2 1-4 inches long, made with a 133-screen.

The International Secretary advises that these statements for the supplement be prepared carefully. The Secretary and his assistants will not edit or trim down or make any changes in these nominating articles. Missing lines in the column will be filled out with dashes; surplus lines at

the bottom will be cut off. It will be better to have the article too short to completely fill the column than so long it will have to be cut off at the bottom.

Each nominee will be allotted the space of exactly one column of one page—no more and no less. All headings will be uniform, in five lines of 14-point type, as follows:

**For President  
JOHN SMITH  
of Stockholm  
is nominated  
by Amsterdam**

The nomination articles, together with plates or photographs **must be received at the Secretary's office by April 1, 1917**, if they are to appear in the May Nomination Supplement. The articles will be arranged in this supplement in the order in which they are posted in the mails to International Headquarters.

### Convention Nominations

The pre-convention nominations do not preclude the nomination of other candidates on the floor of the convention.

The nomination and election procedure at the Atlanta convention will be fixed by the convention, according to the vote of the delegates. However, the committee on Program and Topics will recommend that the procedure followed at Cincinnati shall be followed at Atlanta. The recommendation will be:

That nominating speeches be confined to the simple announcement that "Amsterdam nominates Rotarian Smith of Stockholm for the office of President" (or other office, as the case may be).

That seconding speeches be limited to the simple statement: "Zurich seconds the nomination of Rotarian Smith, Stockholm."

These rules for pre-convention nominations and nominations on the floor of the convention will apply to the office of District Governor, as well as to the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Official Call For*  
**THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
*of the*  
**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ROTARY CLUBS**  
*to be held at*  
ATLANTA, GA., U. S. A., JUNE 18, 19, 20, 21, A. D. 1917

*To The Affiliating Clubs:*

The Board of Directors of the International Association of Rotary Clubs having accepted the invitation from the Atlanta Rotary Club and having decided that the next annual convention of the Association shall be held in the City of Atlanta, this Official Call is issued in compliance with Article V, Section 3, of the Constitution.

The Eighth Annual Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs will convene in the City of Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A (in the Lyric Theatre, unless otherwise provided), on Monday, June 18, A.D. 1917, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the reports of its officers and committees, the election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the convention.

Representation in this convention shall be in accordance with Article VI of the Constitution, as follows:

Each affiliating club shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty (50) of its members, or major fraction thereof, except that honorary members shall not be considered in arriving at the number of delegates to which a club is entitled, and except further that each affiliating club shall be entitled to at least one delegate even should its membership be less than fifty (50). Each delegate shall be entitled to cast one vote upon all questions submitted to the convention. Each club may select one alternate for each delegate and the alternate shall be entitled to vote only in the absence of his delegate.

Each officer of the Association—president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, sergeant-at-arms, and district governors—and each past president of the Association, is ex officio a member of the convention and entitled to vote on all questions. Each club having in its membership any of the above-mentioned officers is entitled to its full constitutional quota of delegates in addition.

No proxies shall be allowed except in the case of proxies from clubs located in countries other than the United States. (See Article VI, Section 6, of the Constitution.)

Action looking to the amendment of or addition to the Constitution shall be taken in accordance with Article XIX of the Constitution, which provides that written or printed notice thereof shall be given by the secretary of the Association to the affiliating clubs at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the convention. Resolutions relating to such amendments or additions should be in writing, and should be in the secretary's hands not later than April 15, 1917, in order that he may have time to send notice thereof to the affiliating clubs.

In addition to the voting delegates each club may send as many visiting members as it desires and every club is urged to send a large delegation of visitors. All visiting Rotarians will be welcomed at the convention and will find much to interest and benefit them, and (following precedents) they will be provided with seats so far as the crowd may permit and permitted to take part in the discussions before the convention.

The benefit which a club secures from the convention is in proportion to the size of the delegation which it sends there.

Attention is called to the fact that a registration fee of five dollars (\$5) will be charged to each delegate and visitor, man and woman, and that the entire sum paid in registration fees will go into the Convention Entertainment Fund.

Dated, 27 December, 1916.

*Attest*

CHESLEY R. PERRY, *Secretary.*

ARCH C. KLUMPH, *President.*



# Rotary and An Old Tudor Manor House

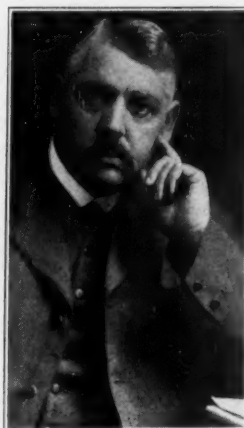
By W. Unite Jones, Rotary Club of Birmingham, England

**N**ESTLING amid its immemorial elms, in the heart of leafy Worcestershire, lies Besford Court, possibly the most typical specimen of the Tudor Manor House to be found in this English County rich in historic associations. How this picturesque, quaintly gabled old mansion became associated with Rotary is a tale that should prove an interesting one.

Mr. J. B. Webb, member of the Birmingham Rotary Club and publisher of *Rotaria*, purchased it on behalf of a Roman Catholic Trust and it is now being adapted to the purposes of a Home for Roman Catholic Mentally Defective Children. Mr. Webb is chairman of that Trust; Father Aldhelm Newsome of the Birmingham Rotary Club, is Administrator. But then, Rotary is written all over this beautiful structure. More of that anon. For the present, let me take you over this grand old Tudor building and its modern and yet truly mediaeval extension.

How the old Manor House of Besford, with its unique mediaeval Tithe Barn—the largest and most perfect of its type in the country—contrived to escape the covetous eye of the millionaire tourist from America seems inexplicable. The Tithe Bath did not escape, a bait America must be pronounced guiltless of its spoliation. It was coveted by a South Country English landowner, who bought it for a thousand pounds and had it removed and re-erected near his residence. Each beam was marked so that its re-erection should produce a perfect replica of the original building.

But Besford Court was coveted a few years ago by an Irish lady of great wealth. She and her husband were traveling through Worcestershire, when the lady saw the Court.



W. Unite Jones

"That must be my residence henceforth" she exclaimed impetuously. The then owner was Earl Beauchamp, and he had to be tempted by a big price before he would sell. But money talks, and the lady had her way.

She had two old Tudor cottages under the shadow of the Court restored, and there she lived in humble style while the old Manor House was being restored, and a magnificent extension was planned and carried out. And a noble scheme she planned. She found an architect who entered sympathetically into her ideals; and he created a

superb building, a building worthy of the delightful old Court with which it was linked. Money was lavished on the scheme. At least £60,000 (\$300,000) had been expended, and the building was far from complete, when the husband suddenly stopped the job, and the place was put on market. Here is an item that suggests the utter disregard for cost which operated in this case: The owner paid £800 to the County authorities for the damage to roads caused by the haulage of material to this site.

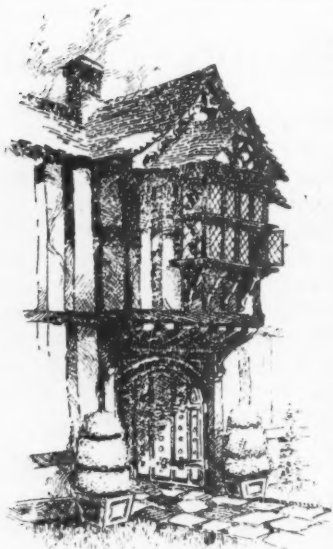
Of course such a building was a white elephant. No one wanted it. Tens of thousands more pounds would have to be expended to complete the scheme. However, a purchaser was found, at a break-up price, through Mr. J. B. Webb.

It would be impossible to do justice here to the great historical associations of Besford Court, but a brief outline of its history must find a place in this article. In the year 972, the great Saxon Bishop, St. Dun-

stan, who later became Archbishop of Canterbury, was Bishop of the Wiccians, or the people of Worcestershire. At his request King Edward the Peaceable granted a great Charter of Privi-



Besford Court, picturesque old Tudor Manor House



*The medieval gable entrance*

other lands) the Manor of Besford as a portion of the endowment.

The Manor House itself was held during the middle ages by several noble families. Then came the dissolution of the monasteries in the reign of Henry VIII, and the rights held from time immemorial by the Catholic Church in the Manor of Besford suffered the universal confiscation, and passed into the hands of laymen.

The work of reconstruction has not been simple, either for the architect or builder.

No pains have been spared to make the extension harmonize with the original. Priceless old oak from Erdington Old Hall has been removed; the County was scoured for old Cotswold stone slates, old grates, and other requisites. The lead work was fashioned on mediaeval lines.

Everything will chord with the characteristics of the old buildings, which latter have been rendered not only habitable, but enticing in their comfort.

The main building is approached by the original entrance to the Court—a fifteenth century house, by the way. The first object which strikes one is the massive door—the original fifteenth century door. It is studded with wrought iron bolts, and on its outer surface slug marks may be plainly seen. Evi-

leges to the Abbey of Pershore, and among the Manors with which he endowed the Abbey was that of Besford. But when Edward the Confessor conceived the idea of his great Abbey at Westminster, he obtained special permission of the Pope to transfer (among

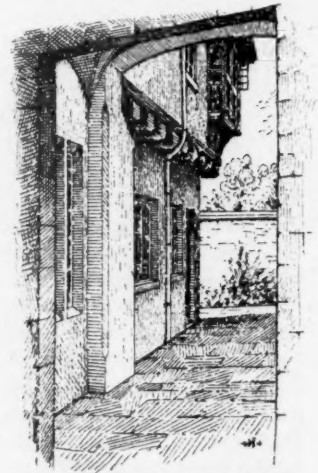
dently an ancient blunderbuss fired those slugs with malvolent intent; at whom who knows? The door has been carefully renovated, although its condition was remarkable, considering its obvious antiquity. The renovation has been carried out with scrupulous care.

One may say here that evidently the edifice was erected with the idea of defence predominant in the owner's mind! Everything is meant to endure, too! Everywhere great massive oak beams meet the eye. Especially are these prominent in the entrance hall, striking features of which are two large Tudor open fire-places. On the left, immediately as one enters the hall, is a cunningly hidden secret door, which opens out of a stone wall with which it is seemingly homogeneous. It leads by a stone staircase to the family rooms above. It is a striking specimen of the resource of an age in which developments were rapid, and men had need to take heed to their safety.

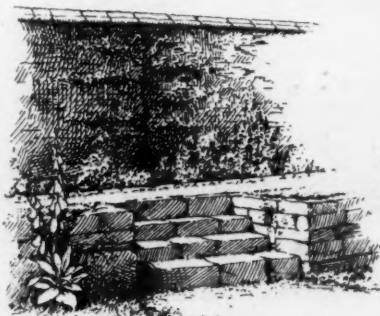
Leading out of the hall is a court, from which a solid oak stair-case ascends to the upper rooms on the one wing. A magnificent fifteenth century window strikes one at once. It is made up of leaded lights in small old-English glass of diamond pattern. Above is a perfect specimen of gable which the builder has treated with becoming care.

Indeed, everything connected with the renovation of the historical portion of the building has been carried out in a reverently artistic spirit. This tiny court is one of the gems of the old house. The massive roof-timbers have been exposed, and running round is an oak minstrel's gallery.

Leading off from the court is a visitor's room, with a splendid old Tudor fireplace, and at its side



*A hall in the kitchen buildings*



*A part of the garden wall*

is the armoury—destined, alas, to be put to the more prosaic purposes of a pantry. But then, it is the destiny of the building that it should be put to a strictly utilitarian purpose. But the armoury no doubt it was.

One must at this point leave the interior by a handy door, and gaze at the south gable outside. The dignity of this is beyond description; its solid beauty rivets one's eyes. Re-entering, one ascends an ancient staircase leading to the old bedrooms, now the offices; where the tick of the grossly modern typewriter seems an anachronism. But it ticks out appeals on behalf of a noble charity, so why repine?

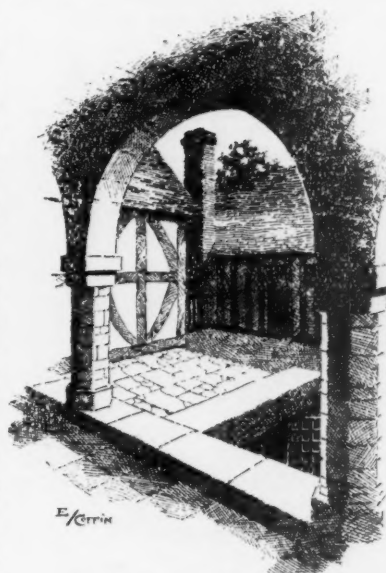
Further on, debouching from the entrance hall, is a stately stone carved staircase, the tiers of which are semi-circular stone steps two feet wide. The great sweeping lines of this stair-case will be an enduring monument to the genius of the original architect.

We are now in the modern portion of the structure. The double effect produced by the splitting of the staircase is wonderful. The whole effect of the bold sweep of wide stone steps, the curved lines of the walls, the beautiful clerestory lights, and the lofty ceiling are reminiscent of the Chapter House of Wells Cathedral.

The entrance hall then merges into classical cloisters, the cloisters of a mediaeval college. These extend along the four sides of the quadrangle, which in process of time will have framed within it a lawn, intersected by walks, with a fountain in the centre. One realises the possibilities of its beauty even now, when it is a mere dusty open space.

Going inwards from the cloisters, on the right one finds the boys' play room and the boys' manual instruction room.

A small, but exquisitely beautiful apartment, orig-



*Where the old joins the new*

inally designed for the drawing room of the lady of fitful temperament, for whom the new building was designed, will be utilised as the nuns' sewing room. Here the architect has excelled himself. The groined roof, all springing from the centre, with quaint alcoves in the walls, and the whole lit by fine Tudor windows, conspire to produce an apartment which is in very truth a thing of beauty.

Further on is a class room with an open-air platform on the same level leading from it; a standing rebuke to the mediaeval builders, who erected for those who loved not light and air. Next come cloak-rooms, and facing the entrance hall, but on the opposite of the quadrangle, is a small but stately chapel, the feature of which is a solid stone roof of pure Saxon design, lit by a pretty rose window.

Then more class rooms, and a roomy girls' gymnasium. The whole dadoing of this room is done with wych elm, cut from the estate, where stately elms—surely, Worcestershire's own particular arboreal representative—abound. The mullioned windows here are striking indeed. Again more class rooms, a special refectory, and a large and modernly appointed kitchen.

Upstairs are the dormitories, where there is a riot of air and light. But this is true of the whole building. The girls' dormitory is the finest room on the edifice. Originally it was intended for the ball room, and has a floor laid on springs, the resiliency of which one tests with a feeling of exhilaration. There are two fine Tudor fire-places, and the deeply mullioned Tudor windows are in harmony with these. The stone work here is a study in masonic work; there is no lath and plaster used, the walls being of rough-axed stone. This is the work of craftsmen. Truly, a noble apartment. Ascending to the roof, one finds isolation blocks where



*Corridor in the old Manor House*



everything is self-contained; they can be cut off from the portions of the building in which health runs riot. For surely such should be the normal condition here, if light and air be indeed the Handmaids of Health. The whole building is of stone, and absolutely fire-proof.

On the estate, close to the Manor House, were two Tudor cottages with which the hand of time had dealt heavily. These have been converted into a residence for the Rev. Administrator. The modernisation of these cottages—to use a term which scarcely suggests the meaning desired—must be regarded as a triumph for both the architect and the builder. The course of decay has been firmly arrested, and the cottages are now a source of delight to

everyone who sees them.

There is no suggestion of modernity save perhaps the telephone, another anachronism which can be pardoned on the score of utility.



*The ancient brass studded oak door, scarred by bullets from blunderbuss*

To sit in a room at the cottage (for the two are now one) is to be transported into mediaeval England.

Close by are the farm buildings, stables, cow-shed, piggeries, and haylofts, for the farm is a going concern, well equipped with stock and implements, not to mention a ruddy faced bailiff whose appearance is a fine advertisement for the salubrity of the place.

Beyond the well stocked orchards is the old walled garden, enclosing two acres, replete with crops of fruit and vegetables. The wall is built in undulations; this gives a solidity otherwise unobtainable in a single-brick erection, and in its folds, peaches, apricots, nectarines, plums, and apples grow in splendid luxuriance.

Beyond the garden are the pastures and ploughlands of the old Court. Well indeed, did the worthy Monks of Pershore speak in their deeds of "our fair Manor of Besford." Close to the court, and nestling 'neath stately umbrageous trees, lie the ancient fish ponds so dear to the hearts of

the monks of old; these are to be converted into bath-pools for the children.

The Administrator, the Rev. Father Thomas

Aldhelm Newsome, was formerly Parish Priest at Chasetown, near Walsall.

Such is Besford Court, a fair domain, destined to be put to noble use. Here those aptly termed by the Rev. Administrator, "the little afflicted brethren of Christ" will be ministered to by science and religion. Here those stunted intellects will be trained to limits impossible in the (unavoidably) rough and unfeeling world outside. Here they will have a chance in life. In the workshops they will have their faculties stimulated by practical work; work within their powers; work which will insensibly develop their powers within the limits of their proficiency. On the land the same beneficent education will be available. There will be none to mock and gird at their relatively feeble powers; they will breathe God's pure air, and sustained largely by the products of the farm, will live the life which Nature intended that man should live.

Father Aldhelm Newsome will be delighted to welcome any visiting Rotarian to Besford Court. They will see nothing finer in old England. It is a rare gem in a beautiful setting.

Members of the Birmingham (England) Rotary Club are very active in the work. The chairman of the Trust is a Rotarian; the Reverend Administrator is a Rotarian; most of the work of rebuilding and equipping the Court is in charge of Rotarians; while the writer is concerned in the venture in a professional way and the writer is a Rotarian of the deepest dye. They were called upon to render this great service, not because they were Rotarians, but because, being Rotarians, they were eminently fitted to do the work. The real Spirit of Rotary would seem to be much in evidence in the Birmingham Rotary Club.



*The Administrator's cottage*

# Rotary Recognizing New Citizens

By Dwight Marvin, Troy, N. Y.

**T**HE creed of Rotary is the creed of good citizenship. It aims at the elimination of the selfish motive and the introduction of the unselfish. It is this attitude towards one's fellows that has given the Rotary organization its vogue. It is an appreciation of its real service to humanity that has led the strongest men in America to welcome an opportunity to enter its membership.

In pursuance of this ideal the Troy Rotary Club turned its attention some months ago to the naturalization court. Here were scores of men accepting the obligations and privileges of American citizenship every year with hardly an inkling, in many cases, of what their new allegiance meant. A few questions in court, a little legal red tape, and out they went into the world as veritable Americans.

To the average individual of native birth they were *Wops*, *Kikes*, *Polacks*, *Dagoes*, or some other class of rank outsiders. But to Professor W. C. Smith, one of Troy's Rotarians, they were potential sons of a free republic, as worthy of their new status as those who had eight generations of American traditions behind them.

Professor Smith is the head of the Central School in Troy, a great structure dedicated largely to the mechanical and vocational training so essential in these days. In the evening dozens of immigrants gather there for night classes in the rudiments of education. English always has been their insistent demand. This, they have realized, is the *sine qua non* to real Americanism and success in their new home. And Professor Smith began, thru their desire for a satisfactory medium of expression, to realize what a heavy handicap they labored under in this strange country, with a tongue in use they could not understand, manners that were alien to them, ideals that brought to them no immediate response, morals that seemed built upon a new conception of right and wrong.

## Rotarians are Interested

It was not long before Professor Smith, with his characteristic enthusiasm, had interested Rotarians of Troy in the problem. "If Rotary stands for service," he said, "why not serve these poor, confused fellows

who are groping for the standards of American citizenship without the helping hand of those who know what it all means?"

The suggestion was accepted greedily and shortly the club purchased a large American flag and presented it to the Supreme Court—the naturalization court of New York state. This was displayed whenever aliens appeared before the judge, asking admission into the ranks of citizenship or applying for first papers. It was an object lesson to every aspirant for new national relationships.

At best this was only a formal recognition of that essential brotherhood for which Rotary stands. Something more definite was demanded. It was this need that led the Troy Rotary Club to suggest and carry thru a project for a municipal Americanization Day and an annual recognition service—an event which would not only tend to impress upon the alien the solidarity of the nation's citizenship and his part therein, but also remind the older Americans that the new Americans were as truly a part of national processes and progress as those whose relations had been sanctioned by centuries of traditions and ancestry.

## First Recognition Day Service

The first service of this kind was therefore held in Troy, November 28th. So immediate had been the response to the club's suggestion that the plan quickly outgrew the early hopes of its sponsors. The open sesame to opportunity for the newcomer lay so manifestly in the knowledge of the English language that the co-operation of the Board of Education was asked and gladly given. The Supreme Court, being the medium thru which the new bonds were created, was also requested to join in the movement. The event was to be, so far as possible, a friendly greeting to the citizens naturalized during the year—a reception to those who had entered upon the duties and responsibilities of the great republic of the new world.

The service was held in the Central School auditorium. Although it seats more than six hundred persons, it was none too large for the audience. Fifty-five persons naturalized within the year were invited and practically all of them were present.



Flashlight photograph of the stage and front part of the Troy Central School auditorium, when the recognition services for newly naturalized American citizens were held, November 28, 1916, under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Troy. Mayor Burns is back of the desk, holding a paper in his left hand. To the left of him are Charles S. Whitman, governor of New York, and President Burch of the Rotary club; to the right of Mayor Burns are H. H. Wheaton of the Bureau of Education, Washington, and Wm. Leland Thompson, president of the Troy Board of Education. At the extreme left of the picture is the Rev. M. T. Kalaidjian of the Armenian Evangelical Church, recently naturalized. At the extreme right is Rev. M. A. Galanti, priest of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, who received his final citizenship papers at this service. The two ladies at the right are Mrs. A. T. Lincoln, chairman of the Illiteracy Committee of the Troy Federation of Women's Clubs; and Mrs. H. C. Longstaff, president of the Troy Women's City League. All of these participated in the impressive service.

Twenty-one received their final papers during the evening.

The Rotary club, after having dinner together at the Trojan Hotel, led a parade thru the streets of Troy, headed by Rotarian Noller's famous band. Each marcher carried an American flag and wore an "America First" badge. After them came the High School cadets, the La Salle Institute cadets, with their life and drum corps, and, at the end, accompanied by another band, the new citizens who were the guests of the evening. As the marchers paraded about the city the spectators in the Central School auditorium sang patriotic songs to the accompaniment of the High School orchestra.

At the entrance to the building the Rotarians lined up on either side of the street to await the speakers. And a pretty important body of men the speakers were, includ-

ing Governor Charles S. Whitman, who had left his executive labors in Albany to attend so unique a service and deliver the main address; H. H. Wheaton, specialist in immigrant education from the Federal Bureau of Education in Washington; Mayor Cornelius F. Burns, Arthur J. Burch, president of the Rotary club, and William Leland Thompson, president of the Board of Education. They arrived very promptly and led the way into the hall.

#### Program Well Balanced

The program was well balanced and no chance was given for the attention of the audience to lag. The invocation, with which the evening exercises were begun, was by the Rev. M. A. Galanti, priest of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, and one of those who received his muniments of citizenship during the evening. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. M. T.



Kalaidjian, pastor of the Armenian Congregational Church, and a recent accession to the nation's citizenship. Between these two examples of new Americanism came the other speakers, representative of the old.

Rotarian President Burch welcomed the "initiates" in the name of the Rotary club; the mayor widened the welcome by including the whole city; Mr. Wheaton outlined the method by which the federal government was trying to bring home to immigrants the real meaning of "America First," and his answer to the immigration problem consisted in education, first in the English language and then in trades. It amazed many of the auditors to learn that there are today 3,000,000 non-English-speaking residents in the republic; and certainly the need of action to eliminate this threat to American institutions and to the unity of national aspirations was impress by the stirring address of the Washingtonian.

But it was in the Governor's address that enthusiasm reached its highest pitch. He talked chiefly to the new citizens and the simple language in which he expressed his thoughts must have reached all of them that knew any English at all. The keynote of the Governor's address was, in reality, the keynote of Rotary philosophy.

"You are not here," he asserted, "simply to secure rights of citizenship, suffrage, or property. You are here to give as well as to get. America's development is your development. We are a new people, and you must do your part in making America all it ought to be. This is your country for better or for worse, richer or poorer, forsaking all others. It is your duty to

stand by it everyday, by respecting its government, its courts, its police, because that is the foundation of all law. Lay down your life, if need be.

"The more you do for Troy, the more Troy will give you; the more you give the State, the more you will receive from the State; the more you give the country, the more the country and you will prosper; the more you give this land of the free and this home of brave men and women, the more will you receive in return. You will find who and what you want here, because we all, as you should, believe that the future of the United States is the hope of civilization and the hope of all the world. As Governor and fellow-citizen, I welcome you."

#### Citizenship Papers Formally Delivered

After the Governor had finished speaking, certificates of citizenship were given out, one by one, by the Clerk of the Supreme Court; and the audience applauded vigorously as each new citizen walked down the aisle and was received into the body politic. And, when the voices of the older citizens and the new ones joined in the singing of "America," there was a feeling in many hearts that a real beginning had been made in extending the spirit of brotherhood in Troy; that the new Americans were better for the start they had made under such auspices, and that those who had new world ideas as their birthright had made a beginning in understanding one of the nation's mightiest problems.

The Rotary club of Troy proposes to repeat its Recognition Service every year, and eventually it hopes to do even more to bring about a more wholesome relation between the newcomers and their hosts.

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### "I Live Here"

A garden, a perfect mosaic, deep green 'gainst the blackest of loam,  
Spread out near a little log cabin—an obscure, but immaculate home.  
I paused to admire—who could help it?—the weedless expanse near the door,  
Where, pleased with my pleased inspection, stood a "mammy" of years that are yore.

"A beautiful garden," I ventured. She cupped a brown hand to her ear.  
"Fine garden!" I shouted. "Oh sholy! It ought to be fine—I live here!"  
I went on my way with a sermon, the greatest I ever had heard.  
The highest-paid preacher existent could never have added a word.

Were every human who cumpers the tiniest spot of the earth  
To see that the place he inhabits—the work, brain, or fingers give birth—  
Stood perfect as e'er he could make it—dear God! what a different sphere!  
Let's borrow our motto from "mammy": "It ought to be fine—I live here!"

—Strickland Gillilan, Baltimore, Md.



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### *Notes from the Clearinghouse*



#### A BIG DEMAND FOR THE EDUCATIONAL BOOKLET:

International Headquarters is having quite a steady demand for the new educational booklet—"A Talking Knowledge of Rotary." The clubs have sent in large orders. Recently one of the larger clubs requested us to mail the booklet direct to each of its members. The booklet is attractively printed in two colors and consists of thirty pages and cover. This pamphlet and the Cincinnati Convention Proceedings Book should be at the instant command of each Rotarian—and every one else who desires to know of Rotary and its teachings. Headquarters will furnish the "Talking Knowledge of Rotary" booklets at 5 cents each for single copies or in lots of less than 100 and at 4 cents each in lots of 100 or more. The pamphlet contains the four educational articles prepared by the 1915-1916 International committee on philosophy and education, and adopted by the Cincinnati convention, and also the Rotary Platform, the Rotary Code of Ethics, and the Objects, Benefits and Obligations of Rotary—together a complete little compendium of Rotary.

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#### REGARDING REQUESTS FOR CLUB ROSTERS:

At the meeting of the International board of directors held in December at Chicago, consideration was given to the fact that certain firms have requested secretaries of Rotary clubs to furnish copies of their rosters, for the purpose of making a directory of Rotarians, or preparing a mailing list of Rotarians to be used in soliciting business. The annoyance of getting Rotarians' names on mailing lists is self evident. The International directors disapprove of any effort to publish a directory of all Rotarians, and they have requested that officers of Rotary clubs be very cautious about furnishing rosters to others than their own members.

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#### "STUNTS" AT THE ATLANTA CONVENTION "GRAND CARNIVAL"

On Wednesday afternoon of convention week at Atlanta there will be a "Grand Carnival." (See the article on the convention entertainment plans elsewhere in this issue.) President Klumph has made the following request: That every Rotary club contemplating putting on a "stunt" at this carnival communicate at once with the International secretary and give him a description of the proposed "stunt." These communications will be held in strict confidence. The request is made in order to avoid too many duplications of "stunts."

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#### CHRISTMAS GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO "THE ROTARIAN:"

It is a pleasure to announce that the suggestion of Rotarian Allan Fraser, of Buffalo, regarding the giving of subscriptions to THE ROTARIAN for Christmas presents, met with a hearty approval. Despite the fact that notice of his suggestion and of Headquarters' plan to put it into effect, was given only a short time before Christmas, we received many such subscriptions for magazines to be sent to people in the United States, Canada, and other countries. Some of the subscriptions were sent to public libraries, chambers of commerce, boards of trade, clubs, and various civic organizations. Why shouldn't every Rotarian give his magazine a boost by getting one subscriber outside of Rotary.

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or by making a gift of a year's subscription to some friend or to some institution?

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### *DISTRICT EXHIBITION OF SECRETARIAL WORK:*

The idea has been suggested that an unusually interesting and instructive selected exhibit of secretarial work might be had at the Atlanta convention if a plan something like the following were adopted: Let the clubs in each Rotary district enter into a contest of exhibits of secretarial work at the district conference; from the exhibit at each conference select the first and second best to receive prizes in the district exhibit and also to represent the district in the exhibit of secretarial work at the Atlanta convention. Some of the district conferences have been held and this suggestion would not be of any value in their cases. But it might prove feasible and of great value in the cases of those districts which have not held their conferences, and it is possible that it may develop a very splendid plan for selecting the entries for secretarial work exhibits at future conventions.

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### *THE CLASSIFICATION PROBLEM:*

At the Cincinnati convention, the Round Table of Club Secretaries of cities of over 150,000 population, discussed at length the question of the preparation of a standard list of business classifications in Rotary and then adopted a resolution stating it to be the sense of the meeting that it is both practical and desirable for the International Association to provide a list of classifications for the aid of clubs, altho not as a mandatory regulation. Later in the Thursday session of the convention, the resolution relative to an official list of membership classifications was offered by Rotarian Kriegshaber of Atlanta and it was voted that:

It shall be the duty of the International officers, consisting of the president, vice-president, past presidents, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms and all district governors, hereby constituted as a committee on classification, to prepare an alphabetical list of membership classifications which shall be operative and in effect when adopted by a majority of the above-mentioned officers voting on same. Said committee shall be empowered and authorized to call upon all Rotary club officers for copies of their various classifications.

As soon as the committee shall have decided upon the official list of membership classifications, a copy shall be sent to the secretary of each existing club, and to the temporary officers of each club in progress of formation and no other classifications other than those officially listed will be recognized hereafter in International Rotary.

Should at any time thereafter any Rotary club desire to create a new classification, the application and reason therefore, approved by a majority vote of the club desiring such new classification, shall be submitted to the committee on classifications above mentioned. The International secretary shall prepare copies of such applications for a letter ballot to all members of the committee and a two-thirds favorable vote will be necessary to create said new classification. New classifications, when created as herein defined, shall be listed with each Rotary club for similar use if desired.

In compliance with that action President Klumph has appointed a committee on classifications. (The names of the members were printed in the December issue of this magazine.)

The matter of classifications is a very big subject in Rotary. At Headquarters, we have a card index (3 x 5 cards) of all the members of all the Rotary clubs in the Association, arranged by classifications. There are more than 30,000 cards in the list. Several years ago when I started this list, we took one club roster and made guide cards for all its classifications. Then we took another roster and made guide cards for classifications that were not in the first roster. This practice was continued with subsequent rosters until eventually we had nearly 1,200 different classifications. Many of them were merely duplications under two or more different names. Finally, we began



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to consolidate duplications, using one of the guide cards as a classification and the other guide card as a cross reference. In some instances we had to create new designations of a more comprehensive character. At last we worked our list of classifications down to about 600, with nearly twice as many other items used as cross references.

During the past year we have been furnishing to organization committees a list of one hundred and a supplementary list of fifty suggested classifications for new clubs. I have supplied the International committee on classifications with a list of our Headquarters' classifications and cross references and also the list of one hundred and fifty suggested classifications for new clubs. These latter lists have not been sent to any of the older clubs. I have past along to the committee on classifications the suggestion that it might be possible and profitable to get up a suggested list of 200 or 300 most commonly used classifications which could be sent to all the clubs.

The report of the committee on classifications will probably keep the Round Table on Membership Problems at Atlanta "some busy."

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### *WOMEN'S ROTARY CLUBS:*

A Rotarian writes as follows: "During my attendance at the Cincinnati convention, and since then, I have noticed items about the organization of women's Rotary clubs or auxiliary clubs composed of ladies. Does the International Association have anything to do with these organizations and, if so, what are the requirements of membership, etc.?" Answer: There are a few clubs composed of business and professional women in American cities using the name "The Woman's Rotary Club." The International Association has done in the past, and is continuing to do, everything possible, short of legal proceedings, to persuade the ladies to let our name alone. That is all we have to do with them. The International Association did not organize nor sanction the organization of these clubs as Rotary clubs. Of course, we are complimented and pleased when any body of men or women organize for the purpose of studying and living the Rotary principles and ideals.

A possible solution of this problem caused by women's organizations using the name "Rotary" may follow from the publication in the December issue of THE ROTARIAN of the little item stating that President Klumph is trying to find a name for a woman's organization which shall take the place with them that the name "Rotary" takes with our organization. All Rotarians will be glad to have the ladies profit by the practice of Rotary principles and will be glad to help them in every way possible to organize efficient clubs. But it is not necessary for them to use our name in order for them to make use of our methods.

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### *TRADE AND PROFESSIONAL SECTIONS' WORK:*

One of the most important phases of the work of International Rotary is that which relates to the activities of the Trade and Professional Sections. At the meeting of the Board of Directors in Chicago, in December, I made a report on the progress of this work which in substance was as follows:

We have 140 sections organized, each in charge of a chairman who has undertaken to render service. To these section chairmen, and to the vice-chairmen and secretaries of the sections, we have sent their respective section membership lists. It requires some work to arrange and type 140 lists of from two to twenty sheets each. Some of the section chairmen are having rosters of their section membership printed. A number of the chairmen have sent letters to the members of their respective sections, outlining plans for the meeting of the sections during convention week at Atlanta. In addition to these sections that have been organized, there are sixty classifications for

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which chairmen are being sought. We hope to have in all two hundred sections organized in ample time for them to plan for excellent meetings at Atlanta. Since the Cincinnati convention, there have been sent out from Headquarters approximately 1,800 letters in connection with the section work, and to the various section chairmen have been sent 17,000 printed circulars.

Ivan E. Allen, of Atlanta, has accepted the big job of arranging for the section meetings during the convention and it is "some job."

Each of us can help him if we will let the chairman of our section know just as soon as we know, whether or not we are going to the convention. Then the chairman will have some definite information to pass on to Ivan, when he wants to know whether to arrange for a meeting of ten or fifty.

These section meetings can be made exceptionally valuable and pleasant but only by effective co-operation. The meetings really should be the culmination of a year's work in bringing the various members of a section into closer co-operation and making them more friendly and more capable of being of service to one another; and the meetings should also be the beginning of another year's work of greater efficiency.

Yours Rotarily,

*Charles R. Perry*

## War-Death Claims Harry Lauder's Son

Captain John Lauder, son of Rotarian Harry Lauder of Glasgow, Scotland, has given his life in the service of his country. He was among the first to respond to England's call for soldiers at the beginning of the war. In the course of a talk made by Harry Lauder before his home Rotary club, in December, 1915, he touched upon the war in the following manner:

"When I was in Melbourne, my only son—our only child—received the order to mobilize and return. He said to me, 'Pa what am I going to do?' I answered, 'You know your duty to your country' and he replied, 'Then I'm off.' And I am pleased and feel honored to give my country one soldier."

The honor cannot assuage Harry's grief, tho it may temper and refine it. Rotarians all over the world will learn with sorrow of the death of the son and will sympathize with the father; they will join in spirit in the sentiments expressed in the following letter, written by Rotarian F. D. Van Amburgh and sent by the Rotary Club of New York to Harry:

### A Tribute

In the naked splendor of a soldier's death—in the history of men and nations—there comes a time when the blindness of all passion must,

for the moment, subside. There comes an hour when men, in their sympathies, must pause near the great gulf of sorrow, and live together a prayer.

With a love that is as broad as creation, with an affection as deep as humanity, with all of the good-will from this world of good men in Rotary, we send to you, dear Lauder, our fraternal love—sentiments that will last until our hearts stand still.

Can't you see us, Harry? Can't you understand that this is not alone your loss? This is an international sorrow that borrows from Rotarian hearts the warmest glow.

How often, old comrade, you have touched our lives with the wand of happiness, and how it hurts us to find that we cannot be with you now and share this great grief.

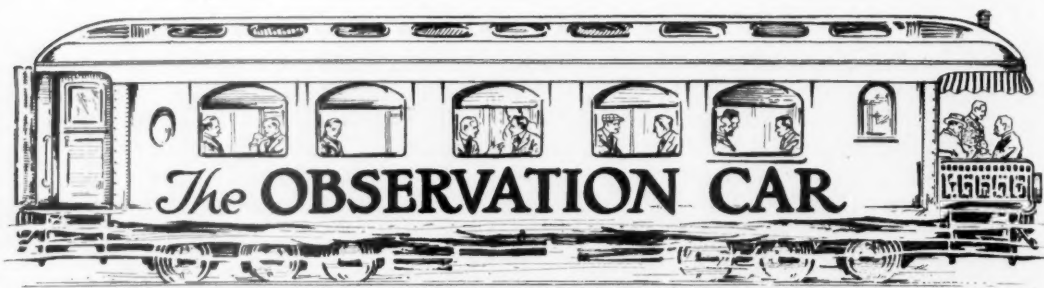
Can't you see our outstretched hands of Fellowship? Can't you read the thoughts that pass across our hearts today?

Can't you see us, in your imagination, kneeling by a cold white tent, somewhere in the Old World? Can't you see our sympathetic souls holding a wreath above the snow-white grave of your dead soldier son—a wreath in which you will find the flowers of his heather childhood home—the fox-glove, the wild rose, and the blue-bells of Scotland?

When the evening shadows fall about you, dear Harry, when the stars of eternal night leap into the dark windows of your soul, there is sure to come to you a benediction from the departed soul of your boy-hero's life.

God be with you 'til we meet again.

—The Rotary Club of New York.



Overheard By A. Little Bird

Rotarian William Gettinger of New York, former International vice-president, has resigned the chairmanship of the committee on Inter-City Relations, because the work which he is doing in organizing Rotary clubs in the vicinity of New York City consumes so much of his time. Rotarian Willard I. Lansing, of Providence, R.I., has been appointed chairman of this committee and Rotarian Thomas C. Sheehan of Jersey City, N.J., has been appointed a member of the committee.

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And Rotarian Robert H. Cornell of Houston has resigned the chairmanship of the International committee on exhibit of secretarial work at the Atlanta convention, because demands upon his time prevent him from doing justice to the place. Kendall Weisiger of Atlanta has been appointed chairman, and George M. Woodward of Houston has been made a member of the committee to fill the vacancy caused by Bob's resignation.

Cornell is the president of the Salesmanship Club of Houston, which organization is affiliated with the World's Salesmanship Congress. Bob was attracted to the work of the congress because, as he writes, it is

A well-defined co-operative idea of service as established by Rotary's ideals. In no way is the organization competitive with Rotary. Particularly is the doctrine of service to others or SERVICE ABOVE SELF exemplified in the congress' plan, by which affiliated clubs receive two monthly lectures from nationally known sales managers. In these clubs, an opportunity is offered to a business executive to mingle with competitors and to install Rotary ideas and ideals for the particular benefit of his competitors. Naturally the Rotarian leads in the activities of these clubs.

The following is from the constitution of the Houston Salesmanship Club:

It shall be the purpose of the Salesmanship Club of Houston to promote the "betterment of business through the betterment of salesmanship;" to enable its members to render assistance to each other by the exchange of ideas in regard to the failures and successes of certain sales methods; to have an open forum in which the problems of manufacturing, organization, and sales distribution can be discussed; to carry on educational courses in salesmanship and for the promotion of business fellowship among its members.

Bob is very enthusiastic about the Salesmanship Club.

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Dr. Hugh P. Baker, chairman of International Rotary Committee on Philosophy and Education, and Dean of the New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse University, has been granted a year's leave of absence from his duties at the college, and is planning to spend the time in central Asia and in Japan. Mrs. Baker and the two children will stay during the year at Tokio. Dr. Baker will probably stay in this country until after the Atlanta convention.

Rotarian J. C. Clopton of Fort Worth, manager of the Metropolitan Hotel, has been elected president of the Texas Hotel Keepers' Association. Clopton is one of the original thirteen who organized Rotary in Fort Worth.

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Rotarian William H. Kemble of Brooklyn, chairman of the Motion Picture section of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, recently made a visit to Washington, D. C., and appeared before the Committee on Education in the House of Representatives in behalf of the pending Hughes' Bill for Federal censorship of moving pictures. Rotarian Kemble believes that most of the film exhibitors of the United States will approve the Hughes Federal Censorship Bill which has been recommended by most of the big producers. Kemble is endeavoring to secure the co-operation of the other members of the Motion Picture Theatre Section in Rotary in behalf of a Federal censorship law that will take the place of all the various state and city censorship boards.

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Rotarian Moses Boguslawski of Kansas City, Mo., has been giving piano recitals in New York and Boston, which have been pronounced successes. Russ Greiner and the rest of the Kansas City (Mo.) Rotarians are willing to back Mose against any of the eastern pianists.

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Thos. B. McAdams of the Richmond (Va.) Rotary Club, is governor of Rotary District No. 4 and cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Richmond. He has another title, Colonel, which was acquired by virtue of appointment on the staff of the governor of Virginia several years ago. At first McAdams thought it was the greatest title in the world, but not long ago an incident happened that caused him to question his first high valuation. One day, while Tom was sitting in his office at the bank, a negro boy entered and asked:

"Is Kun'l Scruggs in?"

McAdams was puzzled and wanted to know if Colonel Scruggs was connected with the bank.

"Yassir," replied the boy, "he works here."

After a moment, McAdams recalled that the bank employed a negro porter whose last name was Scruggs, and he sent the boy to him. Later the porter came to McAdams' office.

"George," asked Colonel McAdams, "was that boy looking for you?"

"Yassir, he wuz," the porter answered.

"He asked for Colonel Scruggs," said McAdams.



The porter grinned a broad, happy grin, "That's me," he said proudly.

McAdams went on, "I didn't know you had such a title; how did you get it?"

Again the porter grinned as he answered quickly, "Same ez you, Kun'l. It wuz guv ter me."

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**Rotarian Charles H. Woodhall**, superintendent of the Troy Boys' Club, 44 State Street, Troy, N.Y., has been appointed a member of the International Rotary Committee on Work Among the Boys.

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**Frank P. Manly**, of the Indianapolis Rotary Club, Governor of District No. 8, has been elected president of the Indianapolis Life Insurance Co., of which company he had been vice-president.

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**Rotarian Dennis Searles**, of Oakland, was killed in an automobile accident while driving over the mountain road between Saratoga and Boulder Creek in November. The car toppled over a 75-foot cliff.

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**Rotarian Al. G. Fields**, of Columbus, Ohio, the minstrel man, was a guest at the Zanesville Rotary luncheon recently. He told several very amusing stories. That he may long keep a lap ahead of the undertaker and when he does finally reach the pearly gates and faces St. Peter his ears will not be greeted with the time-worn query of forty years, "Where do you go from here, Al?" is Field's little prayer.

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**Captain Albert L. Cox**, former president of the Rotary club of Raleigh, N.C., has been appointed by Governor Craig Judge of the Superior Court of the Seventh Judicial District, to fill the unexpired term of Judge Charles M. Cook, resigned. Rotarian Cox was the captain of Company B of the Third North Carolina Infantry, but sent in his resignation when he accepted the judgeship appointment. He is a graduate of the North Carolina University and of the Law School of Harvard University. He has been a practicing attorney since 1907 and has served one term as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

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**Rotarian Fred E. Bissell**, of Dubuque, Iowa, won the first prize of \$50 in the recent contest conducted by *The American Magazine* for the best article entitled "Why I Like My Home Town Best." Rotarians and other citizens of Dubuque are congratulating Fred, both because of his success and because he had so many good things to say about Dubuque.

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**Rotarian J. E. Aubrey**, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Denison, Texas, and president of the Rotary club of Denison, started an innovation in Christmas greetings in that city, when he used a full page in *The Denison Daily Herald* to send a brief Christmas message to everyone. The greeting was enclosed in a holly border with a representation of several scenes connected with the story of the Nativity, at the top of the page. Rotarian Aubrey is a strong advocate of publicity and says "there is no reason under the sun why a church should not advertise, unless it has nothing on the shelves. Billy Sunday says that a man should put nothing in the front window that is not on the



**Rotarian Robert L. Queisser** of Cleveland, Ohio, and his two sons, C. F. and Robert L. Jr., in uniform of 5th Ohio Infantry, National Guard U.S. on Mexican border service, snapped at El Paso, Texas, December 30, 1916. Rotarian Queisser holds the rank of captain, his son C. F. is 1st Lieutenant, and Robert Jr. is 2nd Lieutenant. Queisser is one of the past presidents of the Cleveland Rotary Club.

shelves behind, and that's my philosophy in church advertising."

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**Thomas F. Moran**, president of the Lafayette (Ind.) Rotary Club, Professor of History at Purdue University, was elected president of the "Big Nine" Western Athletic Conference at the annual meeting held in December in the Auditorium Hotel at Chicago. The Big Nine Conference includes the Universities of Illinois, Chicago, Wisconsin, Northwestern, Minnesota, Purdue, Ohio, Iowa, and Indiana.

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**Rotarian Frank E. Hering**, of South Bend, president of the South Bend club, chairman of the International Committee on the Publication of the Daily Journal, during the Atlanta convention, is a chicken fancier. Frank's recreation is raising white Leghorns and Silver Campines. He had large entries at the recent poultry show in Chicago.

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**Chesley R. Perry**, International secretary, delivered an address on Rotary Ideals before the Social Service Conference Group, at Harper Hall, University of Chicago, on January 19.

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**Rotarian Edgar Foster** of Nashville, Tenn., managing editor of *The Nashville Banner*, was badly injured when he was struck by an automobile while visiting Louisville several weeks ago. Louisville Rotarians did their best to make his stay at the infirmary less irksome and proved to him that a Rotarian away from home never lacks friends.

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**Rotarian B. J. Griswold** of Fort Wayne, who has been club correspondent to *THE ROTARIAN* for some time, has been elected secretary of the Fort Wayne Rotary Club.

## *The Rotarian*

(With apologies to Gilbert K. Chesterton)

By Francis Lynde

What means the pictured wheel,  
The peremptory meal,  
And a dozen other things that no grammarian  
Could find a reason for  
In a month of Sundays, or  
In *two* months, if he wasn't a Rotarian?

I have seen it in the light,  
I have seen it in the night,  
This wheel with teeth to puzzle a librarian;  
And it always looks the same,  
Pasted in its little frame,  
Advertising that its owner's a Rotarian.

One of all his kind the best,  
Clubable—and all the rest—  
Tho not necessarily a vegetarian;  
Helper, jester,—what you please,  
Of all locks he holds the keys,  
Because he is a fully fledged Rotarian.

Best and brightest of the lot,  
Be he large or small or not,  
Tho his wife should bear the humble name of Sairy-Ann;  
Look upon him with the eye  
Of a connoisseur in—well, in pie,  
Tho they seldom serve you pie at the Rotarian.

"Do for others" is the creed  
Published far and wide, indeed,  
From the cities to the lonely Peak of Darien.  
Then let others do for you,  
For it's only fair the shoe  
Should also fit the foot of the Rotarian.

Then, all hail the small toothed wheel,  
The mustn't-miss-it meal,  
The jests that have a flavor antiquarian!  
All hail, as well, the deed—  
Good deed to those at need—  
Which the world attributes to the good Rotarian!

## Messages from the Districts

### Thomas K. Smith, Governor District No. 2

The sands of time register another year in Rotary. May I be permitted to use the thought expressed by President Klumph in his New Year message printed in the January issue of THE ROTARIAN and to say that, from a modest youth, Rotary has in its brief life grown by leaps and bounds; and swathed in unselfishness, nurtured thru acquaintance and friendship, fed on enthusiasm and real brotherly love, drinking deeply of the pure spring of Devotion and Right Thinking and Living, walking uprightly thru the pathways of Opportunity, arm in arm with Inspiration, has become a stalwart, joyous, smiling young man, clothed and bedecked in the golden garment of accomplished service and wearing the crown of deeds well done?

On this twelfth anniversary of the birth of Rotary, we behold this strong, athletic hero boldly looking the world in the face, with full knowledge of his prowess, unafraid of the future and striving with all his God-given energy to make this world a better place in which to live and serve. Each succeeding year finds his vision broadening, his vigor and popularity increasing.

#### The Compliment of Imitation

No finer compliment could be paid Rotary than is found in the creation of somewhat similar organizations which have sprung up in many of the cities in this district and which strive to imitate and emulate Rotary. These imitators of Rotary should, and I think do, act as a spur to urge us to higher and nobler deeds.

It is my belief that Rotary has acquired a firm footing in the various cities in District No. 2 where clubs have been started and constantly new seeds are being sown in other communities. My prediction is that the very near future will find clubs existing and thriving in all of the cities of the district sufficiently large to support one.

Clubs already chartered seem to be waxing stronger, to be doing things worth while and to be fixt and much appreciated assets in the several communities where they exist.

Space forbids a detailed enumeration

of all of the varied civic and charitable activities promoted by these organizations, but it may be interesting to know that one club has financed a child welfare campaign and provided a nurse and rest room in that connection and has also raised a large sum for its City Hospital; another has had Recognition Day of foreign born naturalized citizens to make their Americanization more complete; another has founded and endowed a room in a great hospital for the treatment of cripples; many have given dinners for the worthy poor, the newsboys and school kids; one has provided wheel chairs, leg braces, artificial limbs, orthopedic operations and necessary treatments and appliances for every needy crippled boy or girl in its city; and nearly every club has done some great and good thing for the community where it exists, to say nothing of its good influence in state and nation and business affairs generally. The above mentioned activities in this district, I am sure, find their counterparts in all districts.

Every member who has Rotary at heart and grasps the opportunities presented for service, who attends the meetings of his club, and becomes imbued with the Spirit of Rotary, each day becomes a more devoted and ardent disciple of the doctrine **HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST.**

#### Few Relinquish Membership

The benefits derived by the individual can perhaps be most forcibly illustrated by the fact that few voluntarily relinquish their membership, so it may be safely concluded that they find real pleasure and profit in their affiliation.

To many in the cities of the states of New York and New Jersey, the evolution and growth of Rotary is a marvel; but we who know its value, its teachings and precepts, its beautiful ideals, its splendid opportunities for service, the magnificent results obtained by its practice, the joy and cheer it brings into every day, otherwise commonplace, affairs, the avidity with which men now follow the Golden Rule when they learn how well it works in business, are not surprised that Rotary marches on and that (Continued on page 152)



## *With the International Committees*

### Committee on Philosophy and Education

*Hugh P. Baker, State College of Forestry, Syracuse, N. Y.*

Education is a fundamental factor in all great movements of the day. Rotary, thru the things for which it strives, is a great movement wherever it exists. Great movements, such as the growth of democracy, the development and application of science to our industries, the freeing of women and children from crippling restrictions, have all been brought about thru education. Wise men of the past in all nations have enunciated attractive philosophies of life and very much of this philosophy, because not projected thru education, has been laid away in the dust.

A bare philosophy of life or of action in most instances is inert, often cold and unappealing thru its isolation.

Education is dynamic, active, meaning the projection of a thought, the interpretation of that thought, and finally its incorporation into the mind of man.

The philosophy, the ideals of Rotary, have been splendidly stated by previous committees on philosophy and education. The further development of the philosophy of Rotary it seems to the committee will be dependent upon the effort which is put into education in Rotary. That is, the philosophy of a movement grows with the effort of making that philosophy an educational movement. It is the belief, therefore, of the committee, and this has been stated more or less concretely in the past, that the great problem in Rotary today is the education of the individual both in and out of Rotary.

#### **Permanency Thru Education**

Because Rotary is founded upon the highest conception of man's relation to man, the inspiration developot from this idea of service above self—which has been the greatest idea in the world from the time of its first teaching, has given the movement momentum, but Rotary cannot depend upon this initial momentum to carry it forward to permanency. The problem now is to so encourage and develop the idea of Rotary in its individual members that not only will the original

inspiration be retained, but will become an active force which will insure the real permanency of the organization. It seems to the committee that the prime reason for education in Rotary is to bring about permanency. The committee feels that the development of education and philosophy together in each individual Rotarian means the giving of life to the motto of the organization.

Confidence in one another, the maintenance of faith among men and in men is fundamental in the organization. Unless educational methods can be used which will develop confidence and maintain the faith of one Rotarian in another, the original inspiration coming from the idea of Rotary will be lost and there will be great danger of both a falling away of membership and a changing of the ideals of the organization.

#### **Suggested Lines of Education**

The problem of the committee is the development of ways and means of education. This education must be based upon what experience has proven to be fundamental ideas in education of men in any organization whatever its character. There must be first what we may term physical education, and second, idealistic or spiritual education.

Under the first heading of physical education is meant, of course, not "physical" in a sense of muscular training, but rather the idea of education in the tangible things of Rotary—the getting hold of the things which will give us the opportunity to express to people about us the ideals which we develop. This line of education can be worked out, it seems to the committee, along the following lines:

**First:** Making more available to each member the educational pamphlets prepared by former committees. This may be achieved in part by incorporating the ideas of these pamphlets in written addresses which may be given in each of the clubs by the president or by an inspirational speaker selected by him.

**Second:** The selec- (Continued on page 158)

# ROTARY EXTENSION WORK

## DISTRICT No. 2

*Thomas K. Smith, Syracuse, Governor*

### Club Elected to Membership in Association

*Rotary Club of Niagara Falls, N.Y.* Elected as of 1 December, 1916. The officers are: President, F. A. Lidbury, general manager Oldbury Chemical Company, manufacturers of phosphorus, Buffalo Avenue; secretary, Charles Woodward, proprietor, general insurance and bonds, 112 Gluck Building. Meetings every Wednesday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at different hotels.

## DISTRICT No. 3

*Stewart C. McFarland, Pittsburgh, Governor*

Rotary in District No. 3 is continuing under good report. A district spirit is developing which augurs well for our twenty-three clubs. Rotary inspiration is being translated into Rotary deeds and the communities where Rotary abounds are feeling the results of club activity.

The meeting of the club presidents which the governor convened at Harrisburg, December 15, was educational and inspirational. Everyone present declared himself in favor of the idea and the inspiration which arose out of that meeting has created a district co-operation which will do much for Rotary in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

At this meeting steps were taken to put the District on a proper financial basis; also to go to the Atlanta convention as a united district and not as separate clubs; and to make the coming district conference to be held in Reading, sometime in March, a big success.

Our next meeting of the presidents (and at this meeting we will include the secretaries) will be held in Reading the evening immediately preceding our district conference.

Under the auspices of the Harrisburg club, with President Fry as chairman, a club was organized in Sunbury, Pa.

President Klumph's system of reporting attendance is continuing to bear fruit. Some dead ones are coming to life and others are being quietly buried.

Wilkes-Barre won the governor's attendance cup for October and November, with an average attendance of over 88 per cent, and "Happy", unhappy "Happy," had to hand his own Philadelphia crowd the booby prize for the lowest record. Bethlehem

was second high and Washington, D.C., third. Past District Governor George W. Harris of Washington and President Callahan are laughing "insultingly" in "Happy's" unhappy face. Past International President Glenn C. Mead and Second International Vice-President Guy Gundaker are sitting in "sackcloth and ashes." And the end is not yet. Philadelphia is determined to get up to or near the top in the second two months of the contest.

### Club Elected to Membership in Association

*Rotary Club of Shamokin, Pa.* Elected as of 1 December, 1916. The officers are: president, Emil D. Sanner, treasurer and general manager Sanner Hardware Company, wholesale hardware, 30-32 East Independence Street; secretary, E. B. Raup, local manager, The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, Masonic Temple. Meetings every Thursday, 12:15 p.m., at Graemar Hotel.

## DISTRICT No. 4

*Thomas B. McAdams, Richmond, Governor*

### Club Elected to Membership in Association

*Rotary Club of Columbia, S.C.* Elected as of 1 December, 1916. The officers are: President, Albert S. Johnstone, secretary, State Board of Charities and Corrections, 1008 Palmetto Street; secretary, Reed Smith, Professor of English, University of South Carolina, 1628 Pendleton Street. Meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of month at 2:00 p. m.

## DISTRICT No. 5

*Ralph D. Quisenberry, Montgomery, Governor*

I am glad to report the successful organization of a Rotary club at Miami, Fla. Rotarian John D. Baker, of Jacksonville, represented the district governor in the organization work and he reports a very successful organization meeting Friday night, December 15th, when Dr. James M. Jackson was elected temporary chairman, with the understanding that he would be president of the new club during the first year. Rotarian Baker reports that Miami was ripe for Rotary and all of the charter members were enthusiastic over the organization. Rotarian Baker did splendid work in initiating and finally organizing this club. He was very careful in his selection of members and in other work so necessary to a successful organization. I am glad also to report the organization of the Rotary club of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

At this writing the plan is to organize a Rotary club at Albany, Ga., January 11. The preliminary work (Continued on page 148.)



### Schedule For District Conferences

*The following is the information concerning the time for holding the District Conferences as received at Headquarters at the time of going to press:*

**District No. 1**—One held November 10, 1916, at Springfield, Mass. Another contemplated in March at Providence.

**District No. 2**—Binghamton, N.Y.; on the 21st of February.

**District No. 3**—Reading, Pa.; some time in March.

**District No. 4**—Probably latter part of March or first part of April.

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**District No. 5**—Jacksonville, Fla.; held November 15, 1916.

**District No. 6**—Owensboro, Ky.; February 23.

**District No. 7**—No definite information; probably February 24.

**District No. 8**—Danville, Ill.; probably February 22.

**District No. 9**—Superior, Wis.; February 22.

**District No. 10**—Sioux City, Iowa, January 28 and 29.

**District No. 11**—Tulsa, Okla.; probably early part of March.

**District No. 12**—Tentatively set for third week in March.

**District No. 13**—Los Angeles, Cal.; tentatively set for February 22 and 23.

**District No. 14**—Great Falls, Mont.

**District No. 15, and Vancouver and Victoria of District No. 18**—Vancouver, B.C.; February 24 and 25.

**District No. 16**—St. John, N.B.; March 26.

**District No. 17**—London, Ont.; early part of January.

**District No. 18**—Winnipeg, February 3.

**District No. 19**—No conference probably during the war.

## Miscellaneous Club Affairs

**Chicago, Ill.:** One of our biggest meetings was the International Directors' Night, when President Arch C. Klumph, of Cleveland, and his entire cabinet were the guests of honor of the Chicago club. Officers and members of all clubs in District No. 8 were invited, and the number attending filled the Florentine room of the Congress Hotel to overflowing.

One of the big meetings was November 28, when Rotarian Jack Jones, sales manager of the Alexander Hamilton Institute of New York, addressed the club on "Business Preparedness After the War." John Temple Graves also addressed us at this meeting.

Another star who has been before the Chicago club recently was A. F. Sheldon, the originator of the Rotary slogan: **HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST.** Mr. Sheldon left many real thoughts with the Chicago Rotarians.—J. H. Butler, correspondent.

**Dubuque, Iowa:** In December the Rotarians were guests at dinner of the boys of Dubuque College. A splendid address of welcome was delivered by Charles Sloane, one of the students, of whom more than 300 were present. The club is indebted for this pleasant occasion to Rotarian

Rev. Father Gorman, Dean of the College.—W. W. Moffatt, correspondent.

**Fort Wayne, Ind.:** When Rotarian B. Paul Mossman made the address accompanying the presentation of a handsome silver tea set to the retiring president of the Fort Wayne club—Frank E. Bohn—he paid a pleasing tribute to the wife of the president who, he said, was as truly loyal a Rotarian as her husband and who should, therefore, share in any recognition which the club saw fit to make. The incident brings to mind a mighty important truth of Rotary—that the real Rotary spirit going out thru the influence of the wives and daughters of Rotarians, is a powerful constructive agency in any community. The fact that of the seven thousand prospective visitors to Atlanta, on the occasion of the coming international convention, three thousand will be the wives and daughters of live Rotarians, suggests the interest which the women have in the work of Rotary. It has been said that great conventions of men "are no places for the women." The rule has been disproved by Rotary with a vengeance. It is good that it's so.—B. J. Griswold, correspondent. (Continued on page 162)



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## Washington and Lincoln

*This month the birthdays of two great Americans are celebrated. George Washington was born 22 February, 1732, in Virginia. Abraham Lincoln was born 12 February, 1809, in Kentucky.*

### The Man of Conscience

One hundred and sixty-seven years ago Lord Fairfax engaged a youth, only then sixteen years of age, to survey extensive tracts of land in the Alleghenies of Virginia.

The youth was sent out without a boss. Who was there to know whether the work was done accurately? Who was there to tell whether the survey was actually made or whether the boy even made an effort to accomplish a smallest fraction of the task? No one. And yet after the lapse of more than a century and a half, with modern instruments and modern equipment and better facilities, men have gone over the same ground only to find that the work had been well done by that sixteen year old lad without a boss.

It was conscience that made such a record. Ability? George Washington's work was done with greatest care because he had a conscience to direct him in the work. Conscience was his boss.

We have plenty of men in the world today with ability, including the ability to corner the wheat market, but ability that lacks conscience. Are such men to be trusted? Would a people in need of a general, a president or even a trusted surveyor, call for such conscienceless ability?

That splendid marble shaft in the City of Washington, D. C., nearly six hundred feet above tidewater, overlooking the Potomac, costing nearly two million dollars, visited by thousands of tourists almost every month in the year, is a small marker after all for so great a man who is today, as much as ever, honored by every true American as "The Father of his Country." His conscientiousness speaks louder, clearer and better to every student of history than a thousand marble shafts.

May the conscientiousness of a Washington inspire the ambitions of the teeming millions who have paid their best tributes of honor to his unfading memory. —Allentown Rotary Smile.

### The Peoples' Servant

*One of the most impressive tributes to Abraham Lincoln was that paid by Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, September 4, 1916, when he accepted the gift to the United States from the American people of the log cabin in which Lincoln was born, encased in a granite memorial building on the original site near Hodgenville, Ky. A portion of his speech is printed below:*

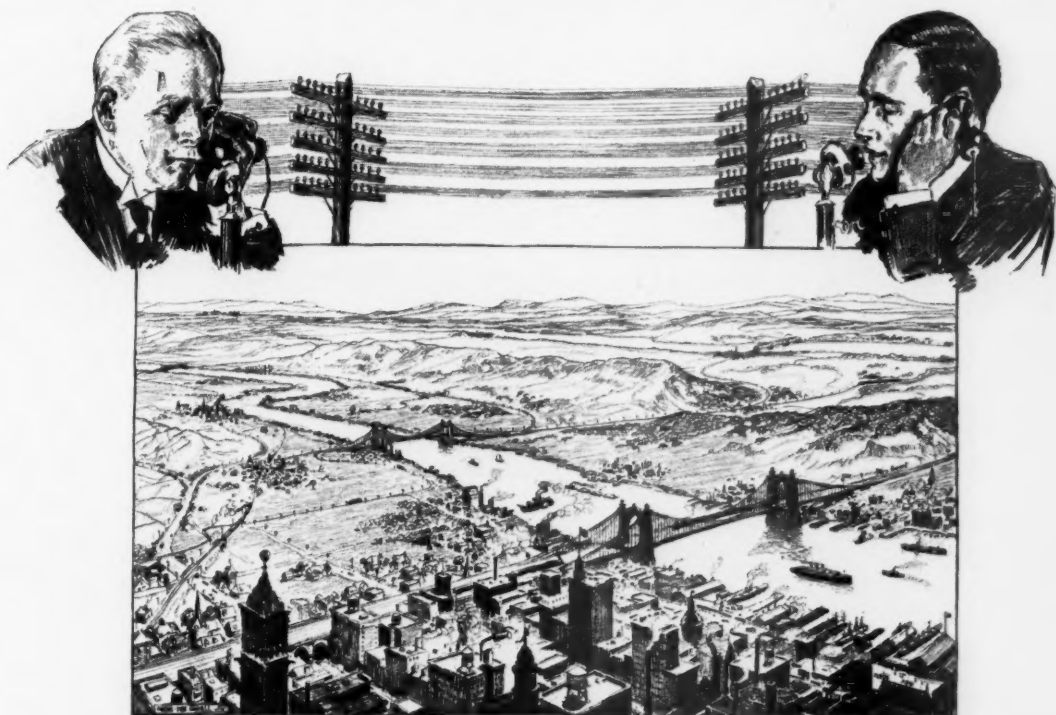
Nature pays no tribute to aristocracy, subscribes to no creed of caste, renders fealty to no monarch or master of any name or kind. Genius is no snob. It does not run after titles or seek by preference the high circles of society. It affects humble company as well as great. It pays no special tribute to universities or learned societies or conventional standards of greatness, but serenely chooses its own comrades, its own haunts, its own cradle even, and its own life of adventure and of training.

Here is proof of it. This little hut was the cradle of one of the great sons of men, a man of singular, delightful, vital genius, who presently emerged upon the great stage of the nation's history, gaunt, shy, ungainly, but dominant and majestic, a natural ruler of men, himself inevitably the central figure of the great plot.

No man can explain this, but every man can see how it demonstrates the vigor of democracy, where every door is open, in every hamlet and countryside, in city and wilderness alike, for the ruler to emerge when he will and claim his leadership in the free life. Such are the authentic proofs of the validity and vitality of democracy.

The commands of democracy are as imperative as its privileges and opportunities are wide and generous. Its compulsion is upon us. It will be great and lift a great light for the guidance of our own feet.

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## Rotary Extension Work

(Continued from page 143.) there has been done by John A. Davis, business manager of *The Herald*. Davis did splendid work and is planning for a big organization meeting. He has invited every club in Georgia to send a delegation and expects most of them will accept. The prospects are excellent for a very efficient club in Albany.

### DISTRICT No. 6

*James H. Allison, Nashville, Governor*

#### Club Elected to Membership in Association

*Rotary Club of Ashland, Ky.* Elected as of 1 December, 1916. The officers are: President, Theodore J. Shaut, president Ashland Leather Company; secretary, Charles B. Dickson, dentist. Meetings every Tuesday noon, except third Tuesday in each month, when meeting is held at 6:15 p.m.

### DISTRICT No. 7

*Jacob A. Oswald, Dayton, Governor*

#### Club Elected to Membership in Association

*Rotary Club of Newark, Ohio.* Elected as of 1 December, 1916. The officers are: President, J. Howard Jones, partner, Jones & Jones, attorneys, 902 Trust Building; secretary, Charles E. Hollander, manager, Newark Telephone Co., 13 Arcade. Meetings every Tuesday noon, Masonic Temple, except last Tuesday in month, when evening dinner is held at 6:00 p.m.

### DISTRICT No. 8

*Frank P. Manly, Indianapolis, Governor*

#### Recently Organized Club

*Rotary Club of Champaign, Ill.* Organized 11 December, 1916. The officers are: President, O. F. Clark, Central Union Telephone Co.; vice-president, Charles M. Pearson, Flanigan-Pearson Company; secretary, B. L. Kirk, attorney; treasurer, A. E. Wuesteman, jeweler.

#### Clubs Elected to Membership in Association

*Rotary Club of Michigan City, Ind.* Elected as of 1 December, 1916. The officers are: President, Walter H. Mellor, jeweler, 517 Franklin Street; secretary, S. J. Taylor, public accountant, 216 E. Eighth Street. Meetings every Thursday at 12:15 p.m., except first Thursday in month when meeting is held at 6:15 p.m.

*Rotary Club of Waukegan, Ill.* Elected as of 1 December, 1916. The officers are: President, Louis J. Yeoman, jeweler, 117 Genesee Street; secretary, Garfield A. Bowden, public education, 615 Hickory Street. Meetings every Wednesday at 6 p.m., at Washburn Hotel.

### DISTRICT No. 9

*Charles H. Mackintosh, Duluth, Governor*

A. H. Sikes, superintendent of the Wisconsin-Philadelphia Electric Company, has been appointed chairman of a committee to organize a Rotary club in Stevens Point, Wis.

#### Recently Organized Club

*Rotary Club of Oshkosh, Wis.* Organized November, 1916. The officers are: President, C. W. Hoyt, 39 S. Washington Street; vice-president, John Thompson, 125 Elm Street; secretary, E. R. Smith,

treasurer, William Castle, The Castle Pierce Company.

### DISTRICT No. 11

*Robert A. Stone, Topeka, Governor*

#### Recently Organized Clubs

*Rotary Club of Dodge City, Kans.* Organized 18 December, 1916. The officers are: President, Charles A. Mosher; vice-president, Lewis J. Pettijohn; secretary, Charles W. Milton, Masonic Building; treasurer, Clyde Smith.

*Rotary Club of Pittsburg, Kans.* Organized 21 November, 1916. Ray Floyd, Globe Building, is the secretary.

### DISTRICT No. 12

*Lynn B. Milam, Dallas, Governor*

#### Club Elected to Membership in Association

*Rotary Club of Alexandria, La.* Elected as of 1 December, 1916. The officers are: President, J. A. R. Peart, manager Rapides Hardware Company, Second and Johnston Streets; secretary, Rabbi L. J. Rothstein, 804 Murray Street. Meetings every Tuesday noon, Hotel Bentley, except first Tuesday in month, when meeting is held at 6:30 p.m.

### DISTRICT No. 13

*Homer W. Sumption, San Diego, Governor*

The Thirteenth District of International Rotary is a big one, considering its area and the size of its men, tho it has only thirteen organized Rotary clubs. Any idea that this is the "hoodoo" district is quickly dispelled by a visit to the clubs. We are absolutely certain that no other district contains clubs which are any more enthusiastic, more efficient or composed of any bigger or better men than our own thirteenth.

The district governor visited eight clubs in nine days and it was indeed a nine-day wonder. It was an education and an inspiration in Rotary that we wish every Rotarian could share. The first visit was with the San Francisco club on the occasion of their annual meeting. A committee had been arranging for this event for many weeks and the whole affair was a decided success.

The next day the presidents and secretaries of six California clubs met at Berkeley for an hour's conference upon district matters, followed by a regular meeting of the Berkeley club. The following day the Governor faced 171 men at the regular meeting of the Oakland club. Oakland and Berkeley are energetically and effectively assisting the Boy Scouts of Alameda County. Friday was spent in California's capital city, and we found a very interesting Rotary club at Sacramento.

Saturday and Sunday were devoted to the baby club of Reno. Many good Rotarians do not believe a Rotary club can exist

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Monday was spent with the Stockton club, and after lunch the directors became so interested that we talked until after three o'clock. Stockton has made a great success of their evening meetings which include the ladies.

Tuesday was a very interesting and enjoyable day with the Fresno club. A special meeting of this club at noon was well attended and President Neely entertained his board of directors and the district governor at dinner at the Country Club, where we talked of many things, but principally Rotary, until nearly midnight. Wednesday we drifted into the prune country and met with that wonderful San Jose club, the club that does things. President John Kuster would be popular with any real folks in any real town and San Jose is certainly a real city and its Rotarians are real live men.

Thursday brought me back to my own club in time to be present at our Fall Festival. I am glad to say that the San Diego club did not suffer in my mind in comparison with any other club, but I am impressed with the idea that there is much real constructive work for Rotary clubs to do and that no one can do such work as successfully as Rotarians.

### DISTRICT No. 14

*Dr. T. C. Witherspoon, Butte, Governor*

Governor Witherspoon reports that Rotary has gotten a good start in Missoula, Mont. He knows most of the members of the club and is sure they are getting off on the right foot.

He is in correspondence with Leo J. Falk, regarding the organization of a club in Boise, Idaho, and believes that the city is large and active enough to support a good club. He hopes that one will be organized there before long.

He also reports that he has received word from Alamoso, Colo., that the work of organizing a club in that city is ready to be taken up.

The Missoula club was organized with sixteen charter members and is the sixth city in Montana to have a Rotary club, the others being Butte, Anaconda, Great Falls, Lewistown and Billings.

"The reports from the clubs in the Fourteenth District have been very good," says Governor Witherspoon. "The average per cent of attendance is between 50 and 60 and there seems manifested everywhere an interest in those things which concern Rotary. I had the pleasure recently of visiting Billings. We had an exceedingly interesting meeting. They are young Rotarians, but certainly have a proper knowledge of their obligations to Rotary and the purposes of Rotary. I have been making some inquiries in Havre, Mont., and believe this city might support a Rotary club of moderate membership, possibly 25, who will be active, good workers."

### DISTRICT No. 15

*A. F. S. Steele, Spokane, Governor*

Rotarian Ralph Shaffer, of Tacoma, represented District Governor Steele at the organization of the Rotary club of Everett, Washington, December 15. Two special cars from Tacoma and Seattle carried 125 Rotarians to be present at the birth of the new club. Rotarian Shaffer briefly outlined Rotary. Ernest L. Skeel of Seattle, gave a splendid explanation of the work and benefit of a Rotary club. President Bushnell, of Seattle, pictured the future of the Everett club. A congratulatory telegram was received from the Spokane club. The meeting was very successful and the new club starts off under most auspicious circumstances.

### Recently Organized Club

*Rotary Club of Everett, Wash.* Organized 15 December, 1916. The officers are: President, Clayton M. Williams, 502 Commerce Building; vice-president, Ed. H. Hatch, Thirty-fifth and Payne Streets; secretary, Henry M. Prince, 1611 Hewitt Avenue; treasurer, Theodore H. Bowden, First National Bank.

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Little kindnesses, pleasant words, little helps by the way, trifling courtesies, little encouragements, duties faithfully done, unselfish service, work that we enjoy, friendships, love and affection,—all these are simple things, yet they are what constitute happiness.—*D. O. Johnson, Secretary Rotary Club of Omaha, Nebr.*



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### February 12th

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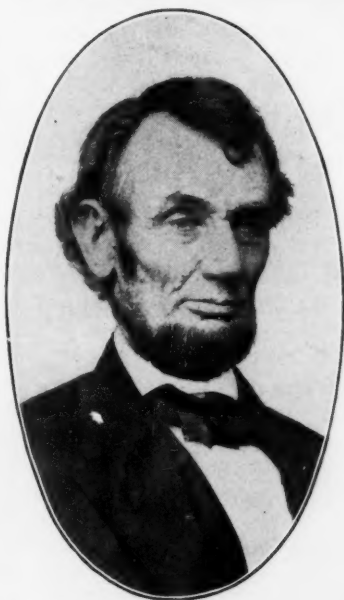
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## Messages From the Districts

(Continued from page 141) today there are twenty-two clubs in this district, with over three thousand members, about one-tenth of International Rotary.

I am sure I voice the sentiment of each individual Rotarian in the district when I convey to every Rotarian thruout the world our heartiest greetings and sincere best wishes, and voice the hope that the coming year may see the gospel of Rotary firmly implanted, not only in many more of the cities of the United States, the British Isles and Canada, but also in

many of the cities of South America.

We pray the terrible holocaust which is wrecking Europe may soon cease and that the Angel of Peace may spread his benignant wings over all the earth and that in the reconstruction days to follow, Rotary may take its place and find its greatest opportunity for service in bringing home to the individual the force and beauty of the Golden Rule, the glory of Brotherly Love and the blessedness of the Master's injunction, *On earth peace, good will toward men.*

### Ralph D. Quisenberry, Governor District No. 5

The Rotary clubs of southeast United States composing the Fifth District will celebrate the twelfth anniversary of International Rotary with gratitude and appreciation—first, because of the good Rotary has brought into the lives of its membership and their respective communities, and, second, because they will be hosts, with Atlanta, to the Eighth Annual International Convention next June.

What pleasurable anticipation this is to us! We are pressing our doll clothes and will be waiting with open arms. Come!

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### Lynn B. Milam, Governor District No. 12

The clubs of District No. 12 are deservedly prosperous. Our house is in order. We can do more for Rotary in building with what we have than in indiscriminate extension. It is not good military strategy to advance until ground already won has been strongly consolidated. The district has twenty-one Rotary clubs, with a total membership of 2,294 Rotarians. Fifteen cities in this district, with populations ranging from 10,000 to 15,000 have no Rotary clubs. However, it would be inadvisable to extend Rotary to all these points, at this time at least.

The desires of the clubs of the district should properly control the District Conference point. I, therefore, called for an expression from all the clubs of this district to be given in the following manner:

Any club desiring to invite the District Conference was asked to indicate by written resolution of its board of directors over their signatures, the resolution to be approved by the club by an affirmative vote of at least 75 per cent of the members present. To this resolution was to be

attacht, in brief narrative form, a statement of railroad facilities, arrival and departure schedules from all Rotary points in the district to the city of the inviting club, together with railroad and Pullman fares, hotel facilities and rates, and such other information as might be pertinent. Any inviting club was permitted to conduct along Rotary lines a campaign among the other clubs of the district. Any club not desiring to invite the District Conference was requested, nevertheless, to certify by resolution of its board of directors and affirmative action of its members, as above outlined, its preference for the conference point.

### Representation at Conference

That the actions of the conference might be accomplished upon a proper basis, and that the attendance of clubs nearest the conference city might not unduly overbalance the attendance from distant clubs, the voting representation was the same as at the last International Convention. That is to say: Each club was entitled to

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one vote for each 50 members, or major fraction thereof, the January 1, 1917, membership being used as a basis. Each club was entitled to at least one vote irrespective of membership. Each club could accredit as many delegates to the District Conference as it deemed proper, but it was not to be entitled to more votes than the above plan permits. If the number of delegates from any club in attendance at the conference was less than the votes to which the club was entitled, the club would not cast more votes than the delegates present.

It is imperative that district finances be secured and properly regulated by action of the conference. Expenses will be entailed by the conference and in the preparation for the International Convention. So that such matters might be definitely settled, each club was asked to give its delegates power to bind it for a district assessment covering such expenses upon such basis as the conference might order.

Each club was asked to accredit its representatives, by proper credentials, which credentials were to be filed with the secretary of the conference.

I recommended that the president and secretary of each club be accredited by their respective clubs as delegates. The clubs could, of course, accredit such other representatives as they might desire.

A committee, known as the District Conference Committee, and composed of the club presidents, was created, the duties being to give due publicity to the conference, to procure and insure each club's ample representation thereat, and to promote attendance thereon by the Rotarians of the district.

A committee, known as the Program and Order of Business Committee was created. Any Rotarian who desired to present any measure or other matter of business to the conference was asked to address the member of this committee residing nearest him, setting forth in written form the proposed measure or matter of business, preferably in the form of a resolution. The committee assigned such measure or matter of business a place upon the conference program, to be taken up in its regular order. By thus arranging the conference program in advance, the duration of the conference was

determined with fair accuracy and due consideration of each topic insured.

Information already received from our clubs indicates that attendance from this district at the Atlanta convention will be even larger than at Cincinnati.

I commend the advisability of fostering and promoting Inter-Club relations and communications and recommended that the publications of every club be sent to the secretaries of all the other clubs within the district, and that the governor be placed upon the mailing list of club publications. No Rotary club liveth unto itself alone. The value of the interchange of visits and ideas cannot be overestimated. President Klumph has recommended that the clubs in each district exchange speakers. He desires to compile a list of Rotary speakers, selected not for oratorical ability alone, but for sincere and earnest convictions of Rotary's value. I have requested the club presidents to at once advise me of any members of their clubs who would satisfy such requirements, to the end that I may certify a goodly list as qualified to assist President Klumph in this policy of Rotary education.

### Organizations Imitative of Rotary

The success of Rotary is an invitation to imitation. Thruout the United States, organizations founded upon the Rotary idea have sprung up. Such organizations exist within the Twelfth District. Rotary claims no monopoly upon its code of commercial ethics, and no copyright upon its plan of organization. Accordingly the existence of such organizations should be regarded calmly, and without hostility.

In cities where such organizations exist along with Rotary clubs, the question has several times arisen: What shall be done with the Rotarian accepting membership in such organizations? International Rotary has no legislation upon this subject other than the recommendation of the Membership Round-Table at Cincinnati that the clubs discourage their members from joining such other organizations. I recommended for consideration pages 292-306, Proceedings of the 1916 Convention, which deal with this problem.

The means the individual club adopts to discourage dual membership are necessarily matters of local policy. I am happy to say that no serious situations have been

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The Atlanta Convention Committees ask your co-operation in their plans for your comfort and convenience. There are many things you expect—as a matter of course—at all Rotary Conventions, these and other things we want to do for you and

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reported to me as resulting from the membership by Rotarians of the district in such other organizations, but I submit that dual memberships in Rotary and other organizations of like character are not productive of good results, and might easily bring about grave disaster.

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every Rotarian of this district is glad when the postman delivers it, and that he obtains inspiration and benefit from the perusal of its pages. THE ROTARIAN is largely supported by its advertising income. I believe that the national advertisers in Rotary would do a service to themselves and to Rotary by patronizing the pages of THE ROTARIAN.

### Dr. T. C. Witherspoon, Governor District No. 14

Rotary in the Fourteenth District, during the last six months, has awakened a far-reaching interest in those who are in and those who are out of it. Especially is this true of Montana.

A new club is in the process of formation at Alamosa, Colorado, at this present time. This is a town of 3,000 population. Its chief industry is agriculture. It is in the heart of the San Luis valley, located in the southern part of Colorado, about 252 miles from Denver. Every line of business necessary to a farming community is represented, and the city is considered progressive. While the population is only 3,000, I understand, thru correspondence, that the town can support creditably a good Rotary club; therefore, with the permission of President Klumph, Robert G. Fuhrman has been appointed chairman of the organization committee.

From Utah, Wyoming, and Idaho, I have no report.

In Montana, the Rotary movement has acquired a considerable impulse. Missoula has completed its organization, and likewise Livingston. Bozeman is in the process of organizing a club, and at Havre they are taking steps in the same direction. In the last two weeks I am in receipt of communication from Chinook, where they desire to organize a club. There are, besides these, five clubs in Montana which

are members of the International Association; these are at Butte, Anaconda, Great Falls, Lewistown, and Billings.

Club attendance in the Fourteenth District has been good. The attendance for the last two months has been above 50 per cent of its membership.

I am constantly asked by some of our best citizens if it is not possible for them to become members of the Rotary club. The influence that Rotary is exerting here is manifest in this desire for membership. Most of the Montana clubs have adopted a plan of 100 per cent fitness for each new member. This is accomplished by carefully selecting prospective members, holding to a strict business or professional classification. The names are read at three successive meetings, and if one valid objection is offered to admitting anyone, this name is dropped. If at the end of the third reading there is no objection, the prospective is then elected to membership with its full privileges.

The value of the limit put upon membership to one representative from each distinct line of business or professional work, is now being fully appreciated by the members themselves and by the community at large. This point, which was somewhat criticized by all in the earlier days of Rotary, has now become one of its mainstays, a part of its foundation.


## Rotary and Religion


It has been said: "Religion is merely the application of such knowledge as we possess to the problem of individual life and conduct." With this definition in mind, Rotary surely may be said to be religion but it is not "a religion."








## Send Them Flowers

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(Continued from page 142) tion of one man in each district who will visit all clubs in that district and give extemporaneous talks on Rotary; this man to be the district governor, or to be selected by him with the idea of giving a forceful presentation of the meaning of Rotary. Here might be applied effectively an idea already brought out in Rotary, and that is that the clubs in the same district exchange speakers who will either talk of Rotary or talk upon the work of the classification they represent.

**Third:** The presentation of playlets. Along this line there would be actual visualization of the meaning of Rotary thru the staging of a simple playlet. Short, one act plays properly written and properly presented would give a club a knowledge of Rotary which could not be secured in any other way. The greatest care would have to be used because of the danger of turning a play intended to educate into a farce comedy.

**Fourth:** Introduction of new members. In this connection, there may be something in the idea of requiring candidates to pass a simple test on the meaning of Rotary.

### Idealistic or Spiritual Education

The use of the term "spiritual" here carries no idea of religion. In the development of ideals in Rotary carried forward thru the dynamic force of education, it seems to the committee that the following lines might be followed:

**First:** The further development of the literature of Rotary. The editing in pamphlet or book form of material put out by various clubs and by THE ROTARIAN.

**Second:** The crystallization of ideas of Rotary, by uniting all Rotarians behind constructive activities, these activities to be non-political and non-religious. Never before has there been such opportunity for constructive work along social and civic lines and the committee feels that the creation of an ideal for every Rotarian to struggle for will mean much in the permanency of the organization. The uniting of Rotarians behind definite pieces of constructive work can be carried out only by giving each individual member an opportunity for service. Clubs must get away from the idea of having the officers or a few leaders in the club or outside speakers or entertainers absorb all of the time of the meetings and to a large extent therefore absorb all of the ideas of the club.

The committee wishes it understood that this is merely a preliminary statement of the opportunities which it sees before it today. With further study and with further consultation with those who have done so much for Rotary in the past, there are bound to come new ideas and the committee hopes that along with this enlargement of ideas there will be evolved practical methods of making the aggressive force of education a part of Rotary.

## Committee on Constitution

H. J. Brunnier, Chairman, Sharon Building, San Francisco, Cal.

*Perhaps the best way to indicate to Rotarians generally the manner in which the committee on constitution is attempting to do its work this year will be to quote the following letter from the chairman, written to the other members of his committee:*

As we are the committee on constitution of the International Association of Rotary Clubs for the coming convention, I want to ask you to familiarize yourself with what the previous committees have done and after studying the subject from its various angles, I would appreciate having you write me any suggestions that will help the work of this committee.

I would suggest that each of us com-

municate with the various presidents and ex-presidents in our immediate vicinity and with the governor of our particular district. Any suggestions to be considered, I believe, should be discussed at the various district conferences.

Also I believe that we have several things to consider which were presented at the Cincinnati convention, and would suggest that each of us read over the proceedings of the constitution and the resolution committees of that convention.

I suppose you all have had experience with some man in your club whose pet hobby is constitution and by-laws, and

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who is never happy unless he is changing same. I do not believe in this and it is my opinion that we were not appointed with the idea of seeing how many changes we can make in the present International

Constitution, but that it is our duty to prevent, as much as possible, the unwise upsetting of our present constitution, which is simple and elastic, and can be made to cover all or most of our present problems.

## Committee on Resolutions

*R. A. McDowell, Chairman, Lincoln Bldg., Louisville, Ky.*

There will be very little for this committee to report until its report is made to the convention. Meanwhile any information that we can give or any questions that we can answer with reference to the proper mode of proposing resolutions, their form or anything else, will be promptly attended to.

The committee on resolutions, thru its chairman, is perfectly willing to do the necessary work, looking to having every resolution which is intended for consideration at the Atlanta convention gotten in proper shape for handling and then given due consideration. This committee desires to relieve the International secretary's office of the burden of the detail work, but can only do so thru the co-operation of the conferences, clubs and individual Rotarians who desire to present resolutions. In the nature of things, this committee will not have any meetings until it meets during the convention time at Atlanta. In the meantime all correspondence should be carried on with the chairman.

We would suggest to each district governor that he appoint a committee on

resolutions at his district conference, which committee should be charged with the duty of seeing that every resolution adopted by the conference and intended for consideration by the International convention is put into proper form and placed in the hands of the resolutions committee.

Resolutions may be offered at the instance of the individual clubs. If so, the secretary or some one else should be charged with the duty of seeing that they are properly conveyed to the resolutions committee. An individual may propose a resolution and he alone will be to blame if his resolution does not reach the proper channels.

It is the purpose of the chairman of this committee to urge that the committee shall report on every resolution, as to why it should or should not be adopted, which will give an opportunity for the proposer to support his resolution and have it discuss. The motion to lay on the table should not, in the opinion of the chairman, be made by the committee, as this cuts off all chance for discussion and is hardly fair to those who had their own reasons for suggesting resolutions.

## Committee on Public Affairs

*James Finlay, Chairman, 618 James Bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn.*

It has been suggested that the public affairs committee should advise along two distinct lines: First, tell the clubs what they ought not to do; second, tell them what they might do. We would like to hear from as many clubs as possible along these lines before we undertake to give any advice. We are, therefore, requesting that the chairman of the public affairs committee of each club write all the members of the Association's committee

immediately, giving his idea of what the clubs should, and what they should not, undertake.

Remember we are widely separated and must have your ideas at once, because we are expected to confer, after hearing from you, and then prepare an article, which should reach Headquarters before the first of the coming month, for THE ROTARIAN.





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## News From the Clubs--Miscellaneous

**Greensburg, Pa.:** On account of local conditions it was deemed best to have the meetings of the Greensburg club in the evening. The plan is proving a great success. The attendance has practically doubled since the time of holding the meetings was changed. The club now has a membership of thirty with quite a few applications pending.—E. Arthur Sweeney, correspondent.

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**Kansas City, Mo.:** The annual Christmas dinner for the ladies was on December 28. The guest of honor was Past International President, Frank Mulholland of Toledo, who delivered his famous address: "Be Good for Something." With "sic a mon" to enliven the evening, Rotarians pronounce this year's holiday banquet the very best ever.—F. M. Staker, correspondent.

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**Lincoln, Neb.:** Lincoln Rotary has a club publication, the first number of which was out December 1. It is called *Rotary Propeller*, is 8 x 10 inches in size and consists of four pages. Rotarian Roy F. Pepperberg is chairman of the Editorial Board.

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**Montgomery, Ala.:** The Fraternal Committee of the club has recently had printed a 48-page book—*Who's Who in Montgomery Rotary*. In the foreword, written by President Holloway, the statement is made that the little book will make the several members better known to one another and will acquaint the public generally with the membership and the things for which they stand. In addition to brief biographical sketches of each member, there are several pages of other interesting data. There is a list of schools and colleges represented in the club and the number of members representing each institution; a similar list showing the religious and political affiliations and membership in secret orders and fraternities; also the states and countries in which the members were born. Then follows a list of the birthdays of all the members, a list of those whose first name is Bill and a list of those whose first name is Ed and a list of the bachelors. The names of the men who have been president of the club follow and then comes the charter member list. The book is handsomely printed with a paper cover and is about 5 x 8 inches in size.

Ralph Quisenberry, governor of District No. 4, is displaying a restless energy which should make him appreciated by his fellow officials. He attended the meetings held in Jacksonville, New Orleans, and Knoxville, and he has mapped out a definite plan of campaign for his administration. Paramount in his work as a Rotary district governor, he places the advance of the public school system in southern states. He has named several committees designed to advance effort in the interest of the schools.—W. T. Sheehan, correspondent.

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**Montreal, Que.:** A memorial meeting in honor of the late Major John S. Lewis was held recently, and his fellow Rotarians attempted in this way to express their appreciation of his services to his country and his value as a friend. Rotarian Lewis, whose full name was John Simon Lewis, was a native of Tennessee, a graduate of Harvard University, the University of Chicago, and Heidelberg University. He came to Montreal after a successful

newspaper experience on *The Chicago Tribune*, to become city editor on *The Montreal Gazette*. In 1912 he became editor-in-chief of *The Montreal Daily Star*. At the outbreak of the war, Rotarian Lewis received a commission in the Grenadier Guards. When the time came for his unit to sail for Europe, he held the rank of captain and was promoted to major before the regiment went into the trenches. He was killed in action in France last fall. At the conclusion of the memorial services the club voted to erect a tablet in his memory.—Clipping.

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**Newark, N. J.:** The Rotary Club of Newark celebrate the anniversary of Rotary February 23, with a specially prepared program.—Fred R. Moeller secretary.

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**Omaha, Neb.:** The Rotarians of Omaha have been more than busy lately in entertaining the ladies. We celebrated Halloween at the Commercial Club, with the ladies as our guests, and they were our guests again on November 7, when we had a Watch Party, at the Brandeis Theatre, to get the election returns. Both parties were a success from start to finish, and were thoroly enjoyed.—Elna Pearson, assistant secretary.

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**Philadelphia, Pa.:** The Philadelphia club is in the midst of an attendance contest to last thru fifteen consecutive luncheon meetings and the effort is being made to have each member attend the fifteen meetings. Prizes will be given to the successful ones. "Not," says President Koenig, "as payment for attendance but as a token of distinction."

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**Providence, R. I.:** The Rotary club has a monthly publication which is published under the name of *Pin Pricks*, with a supplementary title line, *Service Before Self*. It is 6 by 9 inches in size and consists of four pages. The first issue was dated November 1916.

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**San Francisco, Cal.:** There was a heavy enrollment of new members during the last year, and the active membership of the club is now nearly 300. It has been decided to make this year's policy one of assimilation. A live-wire committee has been appointed to fraternize at the luncheons every week and promote friendly intercourse with the new members. The establishment of the Charity Box has proved a success. Any member who unduly exploits his classification or announces the receipt of a particularly large order is subject to a fine, and the money goes into the Charity Box. This fund is used to maintain a bed in the Hospital for Crippled Children.—R. C. Thackera, correspondent.

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**Tampa, Fla.:** The following resolution adopted by the Tampa club in December relative to consular memberships has been of assistance in the work of the committee on extension of Rotary in Latin America, according to chairman John Turner.

WHEREAS, In Tampa there are resident consular representatives of countries wherein there are at present no Rotary clubs, and

WHEREAS, If such consular representatives should be gotten to attend regularly the meetings of the club they would doubtless acquire such a knowledge of Rotary as to



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lead them to make report thereon to their respective governments and to leading business and professional men of cities in countries which they represent—with the result that the formation of Rotary clubs in such other countries would be promoted under most auspicious circumstances; now therefore,

IT IS RESOLVED, by the directors of the Rotary Club of Tampa, that this club establish a "Consular Membership" and extend the same to every resident consular representative of a foreign government, provided such representative is personally acceptable to the club, and

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Trenton, N. J.: "He Serves Us Best Who Breaks Most," was the clever paraphrase of Rotary's slogan selected by William Scammell of the Maddock Pottery Company of Trenton for the subject of an address before Trenton Rotary Club, dealing with the pottery industry. The Lamberton Works of the Maddock Company is one of the largest producers of fine hotel china in the United States. Trenton claims leadership in the United States in the production of pottery of all classes and for all purposes.

Mr. Scammell is an expert in the pottery business. He traced the pottery industry in the United States back to the early immigrants in Virginia. The oldest record of a pottery kiln deals with one built by the Dutch near South Amboy, New Jersey, in 1649. The first white ware pottery in the United States was made for Daniel Cox of London at Burlington, N. J., in 1685. Cox was one of the proprietors of the provinces of East and West Jersey. His ware was sold chiefly to neighboring planters and in the islands of Barbadoes and Jamaica.

The earliest red and stone ware in the United States was made in Pennsylvania and a sample of it bearing date of 1789 has been found and preserved. This sample bears the inscription,

*This dish is made of earth.*

*When it breaks the potter laughs,*

*Therefore, take care of it.*

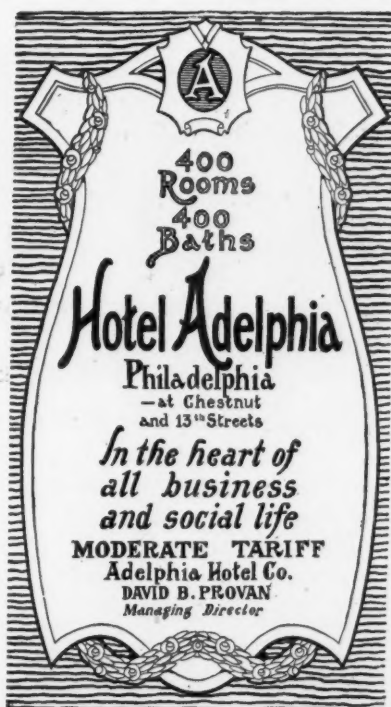
The first serious attempt to make china in the United States was in 1771, in Philadelphia, when the Pennsylvania Assembly was appealed to for aid. The owners of the plant conducted a lottery to raise funds with which to prosecute their business. This venture was a failure and its promoters went bankrupt.

Trenton entered the pottery industry in 1852, when Taylor & Speeler began the manufacture of yellow ware and gradually branched out into the manufacture of table ware. The firm of Borroughs & Mountford made ware similar to the Doulton and Royal Worcester and a vase made by them and sold in New York for \$5 was later sold to an art collector for \$500.

Mr. Scammell detailed to the Rotarians the various stages in the manufacture of table ware and displayed samples of ware in the numerous stages of production. He also discussed clays and their sources. He spoke of special decorations for hotel ware and said that his company has spent



Frank L. Mulholland, past president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, "taken" on his recent trip in the southwestern United States, with a "bunch" of members of the Rotary Club of Houston, Texas. From left to right they are: W. M. McKinnon, Geo. W. Hawkins, W. H. Willcockson, Mulholland, "Lige" Cole, past president of the Houston club.



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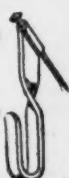
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## News From the Clubs--Miscellaneous



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from three to four months perfecting certain special colorings for hotel china.

The potter depends upon constant breakage of pottery for business, thus the one who breaks the most pottery is of the greatest service to the pottery manufacturer.—John H. Sines, correspondent.

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**Wilkes-Barre, Pa.:** Words are hardly adequate to express the pleasure of the Wilkes Barre club when honored by an official visit by our District Governor Stewart C. McFarland. President Rust and the writer, having had the privilege of meeting and hearing Rotarian McFarland at Cincinnati at the convention, were somewhat prepared for the sensation he created, but the membership as a whole was staggered by his conception of Rotary and his masterly interpretation of it to them.—Victor Lee Dodson, correspondent.

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**Zanesville, Ohio:** Lest Auld Acquaintance be Forgot! At the holiday week regular luncheon, President Brown announced the receipt of a Christmas greeting that would probably be received by all members who attended the Cincinnati Convention and their friends who knew the story with as much appreciation as any holiday reminder reaching them.

The card was from far-off California and was a warmly worded greeting to the club, signed "Little Nell, Pride of the Village." The reading brought forth a hearty cheer and many a warm smile.

It happened thusly: At the Atlanta watermelon feast at the Zoological Gardens the Zanesville Rotary Rube Band and the Zanesville Quartette were entertaining a big crowd. Bandleader Rotarian Geiger, in his funny minstrel costume, was leading the fun when he spied a fair young lady at the edge of the circle and stopping the band abruptly peered under his hand and exclaimed, "Why! There's Little Nell." The query followed from the crowd, "Who's Little Nell?" To which Geiger, escorting the lady to the center of the circle, replied, "Why Little Nell is the Pride of the Village." "Little Nell," who proved to be the daughter of a delegate from California mounted upon a box and waving a California pennant lead the cheering.

The Zanesville bunch later in the week dropped in on the California delegation's little dinner at the Bismark Grill Room, where an enthusiastic half-hour was spent and from where the Zanesville boys carried away many cheerful impressions of the California party.

Little Nell, your card was appreciated!—H. V. Bogart, correspondent.



## Civics and Charity



**Akron, Ohio:** In the Colonial theatre on the day before Christmas, Sunday morning, the Akron Rotary Club held the annual Christmas tree celebration for about 2,000 poor children. Many weeks ago the subscription paper was past—the only one during the year—and \$1,400 was raised in short order. On December 21, fifteen Rotarians worked all day in packing 2,000 sacks, each containing a stocking of nuts, a bag of candy, an orange, and a package of frosted animal crackers. This was given to every child as it filed across the stage. The ushers were members of the club to the number of fifty. Exercises opened with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner after which Rotarian Atwater gave briefly the story of the Nativity which

was illustrated by living pictures. It was a notable occasion and one to which the entire membership looks forward each year. Tickets, of course, were distributed in advance to those found to be worthy to attend who would not otherwise have any Santa Claus.—T. E. Smith, correspondent.

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**Albany, N. Y.:** Albany Rotarians played "good fellows" at their Christmas week luncheon, each contributing gifts for the city's poor. The floor in front of President Furlong's table was piled high with food, clothing, toys, etc., which were turned over after the meeting to a Christmas committee of charity workers to be distributed.—John F. Tremain, correspondent.

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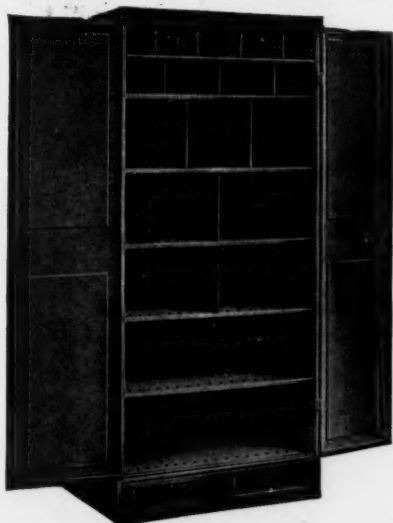
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*Chicago Rotarians' trip to Milwaukee Rotary Club (photos by Chicago and Northwestern Railroad photographer): Top: At the station in Chicago: Left: Harry Wilkie, president of Chicago club and Edward Hoffmann, president of Milwaukee club. At right: Herbert Angster of Chicago giving the laugh to Pele Powers of Chicago.*



**Allentown, Pa.:** Commenting on the work of the Rotary club in taking Christmas cheer to the needy families of the city—a work that was started two years ago and has been continued with increasing success every Christmas since then—*The Allentown Evening Item* had a column editorial, two columns wide, in the course of which it said: "The Rotarians have set the world a very splendid example. They show us how sublime a thing it is to be unselfish and how at this season, a spirit ought to well up in us and move us to pity, generosity and true Christmas charity, until there is a perfect flood of kindness that rolls over the world and bathes it in beneficence and bounty which springs from purity and goodness. \* \* \* The Rotary clubs have become a potent factor in the lives of their representative communities. More power to them."—Clipping. \*

**Atlanta, Ga.:** The campaign conducted by the Rotary club ably assisted by Allen D. Albert, in behalf of the Associated Charities, resulted in the raising of \$12,928. The money was needed in order to enable the association to add a visiting house-keeper to its staff, as well as to do other work which was not being pushed because of lack of means. Joseph C. Logan, Secretary of the Associated

Charities, was greatly pleased with the success of the Rotary campaign and said that it seemed to realize his cherished hope that Atlantians would substitute the charity of social sympathy and opportunity for that of pity and alms. *The Atlanta Journal* had a leading editorial in praise of the Rotary club's work, stating that the Rotarians started out to raise \$7,000 and then decided to make it \$10,000 and 24 hours ahead of schedule time, completed the campaign with a total of nearly \$13,000. The newspaper concluded by saying: "It was a peculiar privilege and pleasure to have as a special counselor and friend in this undertaking, Mr. Allen D. Albert, formerly president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. Mr. Albert is one of America's keenest students and most useful men. The Atlanta public, as well as his fellow Rotarians and the Associated Charities are cordially appreciative of his service."

Nearly 200 boys who have to make their own living were guests of the Rotary club at a feast just before Christmas. The Rotarians, dressed as waiters, served their young guests, with Cousin Fred Houser in the role of head waiter. It was the Big Brother dinner and the little fellows had the time of their lives. Each boy left loaded down with gifts.—Clipping.





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**Austin, Texas:** A "Rotary Daughter" was the Christmas gift which the Austin club presented to itself this year, and there was joy in every heart that the "service" meant so much for one lonely orphan girl and so much to each one permitted to be "in" on the service. None of the many "swell stunts" in the short history of Austin Rotary has aroused so much enthusiasm or given so much pleasure as this one which was suggested by Secretary J. W. Ezell. Little Pearl Hildebrand, 13 years old, gently reared, was left an orphan, with neither friends nor relatives able to care for her. Secretary Ezell proposed that the Rotary club adopt her. The proposal was received with a hurrah and the money was instantly provided to supply all her needs and to send her to a good boarding school.—A. C. Baldwin, correspondent.

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**Bay City, Mich.:** The Rotary club played Santa Claus to forty boys, selected by Superintendent Gause from the public schools, each boy being the special guest of one Rotarian at a Christmas luncheon. Each Rotarian brought a remembrance gift for his little brother and in addition every boy was presented with a winter cap and pair of mittens. After the meeting, the boys were taken to the theatre and the afternoon wound up with a treat at a soda water fountain.—Clipping.

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**Berkeley, Cal.:** The Rotary club has enlisted the aid of the Mothers' Club and other women's clubs of Berkeley, in the national campaign for the regulation of moving picture shows.—Clipping.

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**Bethlehem, Pa.:** The Rotary club of the Bethlehems, in the spirit in which it was founded and the principles for which it stands, has decided to support one child in the Children's Home of this city. The club has also contributed generously in money to the Associated Charities of the Bethlehems.—Harold B. Farquhar, and correspondent.

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**Birmingham, Ala.:** The recent passage by Congress of a bill authorizing the establishment, or construction, of a government nitrate plant, has fixt the eyes of those in this section of the United States upon the possibilities offered at Mussel Shoals on the Tennessee river as an ideal location for the proposed plant. An association known as the Mussel Shoals Association has been formed to present the claims of this location to the engineers of the War College, to whom this matter has been referred for report by President Wilson. Some weeks ago a speech was delivered before the club upon this subject by the vice-president of the Mussel Shoals Association. The matter was taken under advisement by our Committee on Public Affairs and as a result of their deliberations our club has recently sent to every Rotary club in the southern United States a communication setting forth all of the requirements of the War College in the location of the nitrate plant, and a statement showing how thoroly Mussel Shoals meets every requirement. Our committee is endeavoring to secure thru the Public Affairs Committees of the Rotary clubs in the South the endorsement of the civic bodies in the cities in which these clubs are situated. The acquiescence of Governor Quisenberry of the Fifth District was secured by our Public Affairs Committee before the communi-

cations above referred to were mailed out.—J. Sparrow, correspondent.

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**Bloomington, Ill.:** This club undertook the raising of the Christmas Fund to be administered by the Bureau of Associated Charities for the deserving poor and unfortunate of Bloomington. Our committee having immediate charge collected over \$1,800. The Bureau provided a magnificently lighted tree which was placed in the Court House Square, whence several hundred children were given bags of candy, nuts, etc.

In addition to the above civic work, the club repeated its usual Christmas activity, by each member's caring individually for one or more deserving families, whose needs and worthiness were vouched for by the Bureau of Charities. In this way families to the number of 67 (our club membership), were well provided for. We have found that this form of Christmas activity, by furnishing a means of personal contact of members with the less fortunate in the community, brings the greatest returns, both to the giver and the given.—J. G. Melluish, correspondent.

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**Chattanooga, Tenn.:** The following is taken from *The Chattanooga Daily Times* of Monday, December 25: "The Rotarians yesterday realized handsome dividends on their investment in undertaking to provide Christmas cheer for the children at the Bonny Oaks' Industrial School, by making the 160 inmates of that institution happy. The Rotarians had prepared for the event with the systematic and businesslike order with which they do every thing. They first secured a list of the inmates and then asked from each a letter making known what he or she wanted for Christmas. The wish of each boy and girl was complied with where possible, and perhaps 90 per cent received what they asked for. Each gift was carefully wrapped and the name of the child for whom it was intended written on the package. Each package was accompanied by a Christmas stocking, filled with candy, nuts, raisins, an apple and an orange. In respect to the methodical distribution and the quality of the gifts, there probably has never been another instance of such a successful, satisfactory and fully appreciated exhibition of organized benevolence witnessed in this city or county. The children were happy, the Rotarians were happy, the trustees were happy, the visitors were happy, and the officials of the institution beamed happiness upon everybody."

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**Clinton, Iowa:** The Clinton club, following up its several other successes, voted at one meeting to "hold up the city council's hands," and secure for Clinton valuable concessions from the railways. At a joint meeting of the council and the railroad magnates, the Rotary club was present in force and thru Rotarian Dulaney as spokesman demanded certain subways at grade crossings, with a fixt determination to have it. Result: Clinton will have a new passenger station costing upwards of \$200,000 two subways at dangerous grade crossings, and other improvements costing approximately half a million dollars. Rotary, standing pat, did it.—Dan H. Winget, secretary.

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of \$540,000 in eight days. Credit for the success of the undertaking is largely due to Rotary "Pep" and to three Rotarians. John W. Pontius, secretary of the Central Y. M. C. A., is one of the most valued members of the Rotary club; he is only 33 years old. The two general chairmen of the campaign were Rotarians—Albert M. Miller and H. S. (Dave) Warwick, secretary of the Rotary club. These three men are brimming over with optimism and their leadership was a decided factor in putting over the big stunt. Among the other 220 men active in the campaign were many Rotarians. The amount raised was \$40,000 in excess of the mark set. While the feat is not remarkable for cities of the same size or even smaller, it is significant, because the people of Columbus have a reputation of being slow givers. The Columbus people, generally speaking, are liberal donors according to their means, but the rich men of the city never have given as generously as capitalists of other cities, in support of the Y. M. C. A., hospitals, and similar projects. In this campaign no Columbus man gave more than \$10,000. There was one gift of \$25,000 from Julius Rosenwald of Chicago.—Clipping.



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Rotarian John W. Pontius, Secretary, Columbus (O.) Central Y. M. C. A.

**Dallas, Texas:** Most of you are familiar with the story of the night police justice in New York City, who suggested that the men who were making good should reach down a helping hand to the boys whose journey lay along a road on which it was hard to be good, or make good. This story was the starting of the Big Brother movement. Several years ago it was taken up in Dallas, under the direction of Rotarian Dan G. Fisher, and four years ago the Rotary club set aside the last meeting before Christmas as Big Brother day.

It was a big day this year for Little Brothers and Big Brothers, too. About two hundred boys filled up to their necks, their pockets bulging with fruit, and a substantial present tucked somewhere about their person, made you know it was good to be alive. There were talks, of course; some humorous, others serious and inspiring.

After these came the big stunt of the day. At each Rotarian's plate lay a card and envelop address to the Rotary bank. Bob Thornton explained that

it was the club's object to help the Little Brothers help themselves. "One dollar starts a savings account," the boys were told; "You who want to start one, signify your desire to your Big Brother." "Big Brothers, you may help your boy with his first dollar. Let him put in as much as he can. If he has no money with him, advance one dollar with the understanding that ten cents of it is a loan to be repaid to you."

One hundred and two accounts were at once started. Next year fifty dollars (\$50.00) in prizes will be divided among the boys saving the largest amounts, and the bank will add twenty-five cents to each bank account in addition to the 4 per cent interest.—N. C. Bramley, correspondent.

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**Denver, Colo.:** The Rotary club is in charge of a subscription campaign to raise \$30,000 required to complete a \$50,000 fund to purchase a pipe organ for the Municipal Auditorium. During the first week of the campaign, a little more than \$16,000 of the needed \$30,000 was raised. Rotarian J. E. Zahn, former governor of District No. 14, is chairman of the subscription campaign committee. The campaign is being conducted to make the subscription a popular fund and Chairman Zahn says that he wants everybody in Denver to contribute, the children to give pennies and others to give larger contributions in proportion to their means, so that every resident of the city will have a feeling of proprietary interest in the organ.

The campaign was the result of a statement made by Rotarian Mayor Speer, at a luncheon given by the Denver Civic Association, when he announced that pledges amounting to \$20,000 had been secured. President Barrett, of the Rotary club, immediately said that the Rotarians would undertake to raise the additional \$30,000.

In the course of his speech, announcing that the city had received gifts amounting to \$275,000, Mayor Speer said: "As we look down the highway of the past, we find that men have been measured by what they have done—not by what they have gathered. History forgets what men possess. Those who come after us care nothing for names—it is only good deeds and kind acts which live and are remembered. One of the most neglected ways in which people can make themselves bigger and better is by helping to make the city in which they live more attractive. Ugly things do not please. It is so much easier to love a thing of beauty—and this applies to cities as well as to persons and things. Every time a private citizen, by gift or otherwise, adds to a city's beauty, he kindles the spirit of pride in other citizens. One man, truly proud of his city, is worth a hundred well meaning but indifferent persons."

The Rotarians distributed a number of Christmas baskets among the poor.—Clipping.

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**Detroit, Mich.:** The Christmas banquet of the Detroit Rotary Club this year was only the beginning of a series of Christmas parties given by the club in which a fine Christmas tree rotated from place to place. At the banquet were present more than 400 Rotarians and ladies, and it was followed by a dance in the ball-room and a card party in three of the parlors on the same floor. The large Christmas tree was hung with gifts for each lady, the gifts ranging from a five-pound box of candy to a ton of coal. The Welfare Committee announced that the

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Christmas tree would be taken Friday evening to the West Side Settlement House and here 150 children were entertained by the committee, and everyone was presented with a useful present at an average cost of \$1.00 each. Sunday afternoon, the committee took the tree and decorations to the German Orphan Asylum where presents were given to 125 orphans. Monday night—Christmas night—the tree was taken to another orphan asylum and gifts were presented to little ones there. On Wednesday, December 27, the tree was rotated to the Old Folks' Home, and from it suitable presents were taken for each of the inmates of the home. In this manner the Christmas tree and decorations which brought so much joy and pleasure to the Rotarians and their ladies, also brought Christmas joy and pleasure to more than 700 unfortunate and dependent ones.—W. D. Biggers.

**Dubuque, Iowa:** Rotarians took an active part in the campaign which resulted in the raising of \$10,000 to finance the Boy Scout Movement in Dubuque for the next three years.—W. W. Moffatt, correspondent.

**Edmonton, Alta.:** The Edmonton Rotary Club has one notable civic achievement to its credit and has demonstrated that tho it has only been in existence eight months, it is a real force for good in the community. A situation developed which caused the Rotarians to believe there was grave danger of a reactionary element being put into power at the recent civic elections. The retiring mayor, Rotarian W. T. Henry, who had already served the city with distinction for two years, was very anxious to retire and devote himself to his private business. Many thought that he was the only man who could save the city from the threatened danger, and the Rotary club assumed the initiative in a movement to persuade him to stand for re-election. He finally consented, and he was re-elected by a vote of 4 to 1.

The Rotary club has interested itself in the Children's Aid Society. The Day Nursery had outgrown its available accommodations. One of the Rotarians who was interested in the society laid the matter before his fellow-Rotarians, with the result that \$200 was raised and used to procure furnishings for a larger building. Members of the club superintended the work of moving the nursery into the larger and more suitable quarters.—M. J. Hutchinson, correspondent.

**Erie, Pa.:** The growth of the population of Erie having outstripped the housing facilities the Rotarians are leading in the movement for a solution of the problem. Rotarian David Harper, who has specialized on this subject, is chairman of the local committee which has had an expert here to map out and plan a housing scheme that will provide more houses and at a rental within the means of the working men. The manufacturers of the city are suffering because they cannot house their workers. President Bond is on the commission and is a representative also of the Board of Commerce, of which he is president.

The Rotary club is also active in having Erie made an official station on the aerial route from Chicago to New York City. Being just midway between the two cities and having been so used by two of those who made record flights between the

two cities, it is already on the aeroplane map.—Fred L. Weede, correspondent.

**Fort Wayne, Ind.:** Immediate Past President Allen D. Albert visited the Fort Wayne club at a most opportune time, the evening of the annual election of officers. The occasion gave him an opportunity to advise the club on important points of general conduct of affairs, but possibly the most valuable influence of his visit as it will bear especially upon the conduct of the officers of 1917, was given in a little conference in his room at the hotel. To Robert Koerber, the new president, he pointed out many things to avoid as well as other lines of aggressive procedure.

"Bob," said he, "be careful not to allow it to be known that the Fort Wayne Rotary Club is the organization that does things. Don't allow the people of Fort Wayne to believe that if anything for the general good is to be 'put over,' the Rotary club is the one to do it. If you do, you will kill the usefulness of the organization, just as sure as fate.

"This is the way to do it: Let every meeting of the club be educational to its members to the extent that it shall inspire every man to work for every good thing for the largest number. Make every member prepared to work intelligently on any project that may arise. Then, instead of accomplishing things for Fort Wayne as a club, let every member go out into his own business, social, and other circles, and work to create the sentiment there which will bring success. In this way the Rotary club may accomplish victories in real service, by teaching the city how to unite on great projects for the general good.

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Bob sees it, and he purposes to put into practice this and many another idea given to him by Allen Albert.—B. J. Griswold, correspondent.

**Greensburg, Pa.:** The Rotary club made the hearts of 150 orphans in the Westmoreland Children's Home happy on Christmas, by the presentation of a victrola with a good library of records. The work was done under the direction of Rotarians A. L. McKenny, C. W. Keck, and James Loughrey.

January promised to be a busy month. The two big plans for starting upon a campaign for ornamental lighting for Greensburg and the building of a large number of additional houses to rent in this place were started.—E. Arthur Sweeney, correspondent.

**Hutchinson, Kan.:** Our club was organized a little over a year ago and for our first civic activity we pulled off a Municipal Christmas tree that year. This year we repeated, but on a much better and larger scale. We got others outside the club interested in the idea as we did not wish to be selfish and have all the pleasure ourselves. We had the tree in our Convention Hall, in place of out-doors as last year.

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mittee would be called upon to do all the things they finally did do. The chairman, Rotarian Paul Noble, called a big meeting of all the organizations of the city to plan for a Municipal Christmas Celebration. When the meeting was over he found he was the head of the Big Brothers, and it fell largely to our Rotary club this year to play Santa Claus to all the poor kids in town. It was some job, but our fellows seemed to like it. In fact, the only trouble with us seems to be we don't know when to holler "enough"—we are always looking for more and more to do.—Lloyd A. Clary, correspondent.

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**Jacksonville, Fla.:** Uncle John Parker, first president of the Rotary club of Rockford, Ill., was the auctioneer at the "Old Horse Sale" of the Jacksonville Rotary Club, which netted more than \$100 for the poor children of the city. After the auctioneer had bought a gold brick for \$5.00, the bids were limited to \$1.25. Adding machines, typewriters, cut (?) glass dishes, dolls, and barrels with unknown contents, were sold at the maximum price. Rotarian Perry is smoking 75c cigars now and Rotarian Spencer is drinking very expensive lemonade.—Lloyd W. Josselyn, correspondent.

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**Lansing, Mich.:** The charity fund of the club was given a very substantial boost by Rotarian F. M. Marsh of Atlanta, Ga., who gave a fine desk to the club to be sold and the proceeds to go to the charity fund. He showed the club members how they do things down at Atlanta and extended a very cordial invitation to all to go to the convention next June.—H. C. Pratt, correspondent.

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**Little Rock, Ark.:** The Rotary club endorsed the Profitable Farming Campaign in Pulaski County during the last three weeks in January and gave assistance wherever possible, the members donating the use of their automobiles and in many instances touring the country with the agricultural experts. This Rotary activity was a part of a general plan by which the farming industry in the county is to be bettered and closer co-operation brought about between the farm and the city interests. One phase of this activity is the effort on the part of the Rotarians to secure the establishment of additional canning factories in the city to furnish a good market for the produce which the farmers raise. Chairman James B. Dickinson, of the general committee in charge of the Profitable Farming Campaign, is also chairman of the committee in charge of plans for a Produce Exchange which is planned to aid the farmers, by reducing the intermediate expenses between the farm and the consumer. The country does not grow 10 per cent of the produce consumed in Little Rock, and it is the hope of the Rotary club to help the farmers grow enough for the city's consumption; also to have some left over for shipment.

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**London, Eng.:** The Rotary club up to November 1st, had entertained 2,000 wounded soldiers. The members of the club provided the refreshments; they and their friends have given three tons of souvenirs; while the time devoted to the organization is beyond calculation. Everything has been done cheerfully and willingly as by good Rotarians for the benefit of their fellow-citizens and Rotary.

**Milwaukee, Wis.:** The Christmas dinner for boys was one of the happiest affairs in the history

of the Milwaukee club. There were about 250 youngsters from the poorer families and they made a long line of happy ragamuffins marching thru lanes of baskets filled with good things for their sisters and brothers who were not fortunate enough to be invited. Some of the Rotarians brought as their guests the same boys with whom they dined last Christmas, in whom they had kept up their interest thru the entire year. One member provided fuel and clothing for his little boy's parents and brothers and sisters. During the year the mother died and the father was ill for a long time. The boy appreciated everything that was done for him and has been helped on the way to become a better American. He was at the Christmas dinner this year with his Big Brother. The youngest boy at the dinner was three years old, a negro whose first name was James, picked up on the street by Rotarian Baum. He was too small to tell what his last name was. Each boy was given a basket filled with food, candy, coffee, toys, books, soap, underwear, shoes, etc., and a card entitling him to \$1.00 with which to open a savings account.—Clipping.

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**Montgomery, Ala.:** The club recently took up in an earnest and whole-hearted way sanitary reforms for the colored people of Montgomery. The white death rate of Montgomery compares favorably with the death rate of the healthiest cities of the country, but it was deemed by Rotarians that the colored death rate was entirely too high. The Rotarians knew that while the white quarters of the city had the best of sanitation, but slight attention had been paid to the negro quarters. A committee headed by Rotarian L. D. Rouse carried the question to the City Commission and kept behind it until delayed sanitary connections have been made and improved sanitary conditions have been established in even the poorest of the negro quarters of the city.

Montgomery Rotarians had a leading part in the recent adoption by the State of an amendment to the constitution, allowing three mills to be raised by taxation for school purposes. Alabama gives out of the state treasury more in proportion to the wealth of the state than any other state of the Union, but it had been making a poor showing in its schools, because it had practically no local taxation. Headed by Governor Ralph D. Quisenberry, a committee of Rotarians went energetically to work for the school amendment, with the result that it got an overwhelming majority in the county and in the state.—W. T. Sheehan, correspondent.

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**Newark, N. J.:** About one hundred and fifty boys from the public schools were guests of the Rotarians at a Christmas dinner. Foods, delicacies, and other varieties of Christmas gifts were given to the boys and the event was made more happy by the installation of a fine, big Christmas tree.—Theodore S. Fettingner, correspondent.

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**Oklahoma City, Okla.:** We are in the midst of a campaign to raise \$300,000 for a Y.M.C.A. Oklahoma City has the unwanted distinction of being the largest city in the United States without a Y.M.C.A. The first \$100,000 was raised in three days. Rotarians are backing the project to a man, with Rotarian A. J. McMahan in full charge of the campaign. There are about forty teams at work soliciting. Rotarian Allen Street has charge of the young men's division. Rotarians John Hill, Leonard



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Bailey, and A. S. Heaney are in charge of the daily noon-day luncheon at which time 250 workers sit down to lunch.—A. S. Heaney, correspondent.

**Omaha, Neb.:** Our club has undertaken, for the big work this year, the furthering of the Boy Scout movement. We stood sponsor for the movement, in other words, guaranteed the necessary money to bring one of the field men to Omaha to put the movement before the public. With the assistance of the various organizations and business men of Omaha, in three days we had approximately \$20,000, which will finance the work for three years. While the Rotarians did not do all the campaigning, it was known that they were responsible for the good work, and the Rotary teams were far in the lead.—Elna Pearson, assistant secretary.

**Pittsburgh, Pa.:** One of the Rotary club's Christmas gifts to poor boys of Pittsburgh was twenty scholarships for business courses in local colleges. The announcement that these scholarships would be given was made at the Christmas meeting when we had a real Christmas tree and James Conlon was dressed up as Santa Claus. The collection for charities at the meeting amounted to \$600. Provision was made for the sending of many toys to the Toy Mission.—J. O. Corbett, correspondent.

**Port Arthur, Texas.:** Members of the Rotary club turned themselves into Santa Clauses for poor children of the city on Christmas day, and made a special effort to supply needed shoes, stockings, hats and other clothing for the poor children attending school. Rotarians all reported it the most enjoyable Christmas day they have had since they were children.—Clipping.

**Raleigh, N.C.:** The following is quoted from an editorial in *The Raleigh Times* of December 25: "The Rotary club has again put Raleigh and the state of North Carolina in its debt by arranging a concert here with Ignace Paderewski, the world's foremost pianist. . . . The Rotary club gives us the opportunity to spend our dollars in realizing a natural desire that to the moment has seemed impossible of realization, and deserves our hearty thanks. Another bull's-eye in the public interest which reinforces a well-earned prestige."—Clipping.

**Rock Island, Ill.:** The Rotary club has decided unanimously to take up Boys' Welfare Work during next year as its special effort along the line of civic work. This decision was arrived at after we had voted on a number of subjects. Boys' Welfare and Good Roads led the list and at the final vote the decision was in favor of the boys. Our plan is to have each Rotarian select some boy to whom he can act as Big Brother. The club as a whole expects to plan different lines of work in which the boys will be interested. We gave them a Thanksgiving dinner in November and another entertainment at Christmas time. During the summer months the boys will be encouraged to adopt some definite line of work. Moving picture films will be secured, especially suitable for children and educational in value, and the boys will be given an opportunity to see them. The Good Roads project has not been dropped by the club, but will be promoted and encouraged in every possible way; a committee

has been appointed to report on this matter from time to time.—O. A. Miller, secretary.

**Saginaw, Mich.:** The Rotary club had its best time ever Thursday evening, December 21, when we acted as Big Brothers to the worthy boys of the city. Each Rotarian chose a boy who needed a good Christmas feed, called for him in an auto and took him to the Y.M.C.A. Here for an hour high jinks prevailed in the gymnasium and pool, and at seven o'clock we went to the Canoe Club to dinner. Which got the most out of this frolic, the big boys, or the little boys, it would be hard to say.—E. C. Warriner, correspondent.

**San Francisco, Cal.:** Voluntary subscriptions at a November meeting resulted in a fund large enough to furnish Thanksgiving baskets to thirty needy families. The bed in the Hospital for Crippled Children, which the club has maintained during the past year, will be continued.—R. C. Thackera, correspondent.

**San Jose, Cal.:** A campaign for the encouragement of good citizenship among foreign born residents of San Jose has been launched by the Rotary club. A committee has been appointed to encourage foreign adults to take advantage of the high school instruction in English and in American government. The plan is to secure the co-operation of employers in persuading their foreign employes to attend the classes. The co-operation of all the civic organizations of San Jose will be asked.—Clipping.

**Shamokin, Pa.:** Eighty families were made homeless by a severe fire in December, which was gotten under control only after aid had been received from the fire departments of six neighboring towns. Three hours later the Rotarians got busy on relief work. The Rotary club started a subscription list with \$100, and within a few minutes afterwards had secured \$1,000 from the First National Bank, another for \$200 and twenty for \$100 each. The work was taken up also thru the newspaper columns. The co-operation of bankers and other prominent men was secured. The task of the Rotary club was to start the ball rolling and the work was done most effectively.—Emil D. Sanner.

**Sioux Falls, S. D.:** Our club is enjoying wonderful progress. Altho our city has a population of only 25,000, the club raised about \$1,000 for a Christmas fund for the needy. Just a few days ago our president told me that the Rotary club was a wonderful factor in the life of our community; scores of men who had never worked together are now striving side by side to realize the best thing for the city.—Jay B. Allen.

**Springfield, Mass.:** The Rotary club, acting in behalf of the citizens of Springfield, gave a Christmas Tree party to 4,000 of Springfield's children, twelve years of age and under, in the great municipal Auditorium on Saturday evening, December 23. Each boy and girl was given an American flag a foot long. Soon after the children were seated, Rotarian Raymond A. Jacobs let loose the huge organ, and when Rotarian Mayor Stacy and the city government marched up the aisle, the Second Regiment Band and the organ,

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A squad of Boy Scouts then had a tug of war and a rooster fight. Three reels of moving pictures followed—the kind that make youngsters yell themselves hoarse. Then the house was darkened, only to be faintly lighted a moment later by the glowing beauty of a Christmas tree so tall that it took two flat cars to bring it to Springfield, to fill the order of Rotarian Henry J. Perkins.

After the multitude had gasped a good gasp and squealed and yelled and whistled its full, Santa Claus bounced upon the platform, and was joined by a score of Rotarians, who distributed the 4,000 bags of gifts that were piled around the tree, while Santa shook hands with the enraptured recipients. The cost of the party was borne in part by the Rotarians and in part by citizens of Springfield who contributed thru public lists opened by two newspapers.—Stewart Anderson, correspondent.

**Syracuse, N.Y.:** On the first of each year the Syracuse Rotary Club allows each member to subscribe to the crippled children's fund, for which the local club is highly regarded by every citizen of Syracuse. At the first call for 1917 less than one-half the membership of three hundred had subscribed a total of \$2,000, which was several hundred dollars in excess of the total amount raised in 1916.—J. Russell Paine, correspondent.

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**Wheeling, W. Va.:** The Rotarians of Wheeling are especially interested in a move for state support for the fifty-four hospitals maintained both private and corporate in the State of West Virginia. Four of these hospitals are now receiving state support on account of being miners' hospitals located in several parts of the state. A resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the Rotary club, authorizing a special committee to draft a bill to be submitted to the State Legislature and soliciting co-operation and support from the Rotary clubs of Clarksburg, Charleston, and Huntington. Rotarian H. C. Ogden is sponsor of the movement which has met with general approval thruout the state and from present indications should carry.—Frederick W. Colmar, correspondent.



## Atlanta's Organization For The Convention

*Each member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta will serve on at least one committee in the work in connection with the entertainment of the Eighth Annual Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, which will be held at the Lyric Theatre, in Atlanta, 18, 19, 20, 21, June, 1917; most of them will serve on two or three committees. Following is the convention organization:*

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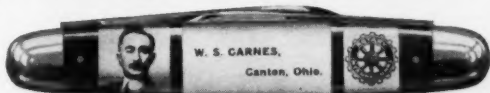
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## News From the Clubs--Convention Activities

**Birmingham, Ala.:** The Birmingham club has made at the Piedmont Hotel, in Atlanta, reservations that contemplate the attendance of at least eighty of our members at the big Convention. Reservations also have been made for three large rooms on the parlor floor of the Piedmont to be used as club headquarters. The chairman of our 1917 Convention Committee is George Gordon Crawford, president of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co., and he and his eleven associates have been working for fourteen solid weeks on one thing—the activities of the Birmingham club in connection with the Convention. As these plans have not as yet been presented to our club for ratification, a statement as to what part Birmingham will play in Atlanta cannot at this moment with propriety be issued.—J. Sparrow, correspondent.

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**Jackson, Mich.:** The Jackson Rotary Club is working for a big attendance at the Atlanta Convention, and one of the methods adopted is the use of a specially printed convention letterhead which calls upon everybody to boost the convention fund and attend the convention. Down one side of the letterhead is a map of a section of the United States between Jackson and Atlanta, with a Rotary emblem at Jackson and another Rotary emblem at Atlanta.

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**Montgomery, Ala.:** The Montgomery club,

at the Cincinnati Convention, took the lead in the general effort to make the Atlanta Convention an affair of entertainment of Rotarians by the entire Rotary membership of the South. Before the convention was over, the Montgomery club had reserved an entire floor of an Atlanta hotel, and the club at home had determined upon special entertainments for Rotarians of the West and Middle West who would pass thru Montgomery on their way to Atlanta.

Montgomery, which is in the heart of the Central South, and which is perhaps the most typical of all Southern cities, believed that the visiting Rotarians would be interested in a few hours' stay in a distinctly Southern city, which affords an exceptional opportunity of showing the Northern visitor to the South the features of Southern life. This city was the first capital of the Confederate government. Jefferson Davis was inaugurated here and the great Civil War had its start in Montgomery, where the Secession Convention and the Confederate Congress met. The buildings used by the Confederacy, including its first capital, are well preserved.

There are 700 miles of improved highways in the county and the automobile trips proposed for the visitors are expected to give them an interesting view of one of the most attractive countryside in the South. The committees are at work and more will be heard of the effort to entertain the visitors.—W. T. Sheehan, correspondent.

## "Stunts" and Social Events

**Atlanta, Ga.:** At the December club dinner just before Christmas, Rotarian George Allen led into the dining room a small boy who had no hat, wearing an old gray sweater much too large and torn in places, with trousers torn and holey shoes and a dirty face and looking very hungry. George said he had found the youngster in front of the hotel selling papers and had been told he was helping to support his mother. They gave the boy something to eat, and while he was eating a collection was taken up which amounted to nearly \$100. Then the crowd regained its spirit of hilarious festivity and in the din the boy slept out. Fifteen minutes later Rotarian Robert Foreman appeared leading a boy who looked as if he was the son of well-to-do parents, but Foreman announced that the second boy and the first were the same and that he was the son of one of the members of the club, but that the story was true altho it concerned another family and their donations had been sent to this needy family. More than \$400.00 in addition was raised at this meeting for charity. All manner of articles were auctioned from a big pile around the Christmas tree at one end of the hall.—Clipping.

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**Bloomington, Ill.:** The December 21 meeting was made the occasion of a Before-Christmas Ladies Shopping Luncheon to which the wives and friends of members were asked; about 85 were present. Concise, snappy talks on their business and profession were made by ten members of the club.—J. G. Melliush, correspondent.

**Davenport, Iowa:** The Rotary club's annual Christmas stunt day at the Black Hawk Hotel was attended by 150 and was one of the most enjoyable and hilarious meetings ever held. It was announced at first that the members would have full latitude to tell the whole truth about each other, all bars having been taken down and destroyed. There were tables for liars, singers, limerick writers, toreadors and other classifications. Every man who spoke was fined and a neat sum was realized for the club's charity fund as a result. Every man brought a present which was left at the entrance. Later, the articles were numbered and distributed by drawing.

A recent limerick meeting, conceived by Robert A. Thompson, was a great "get acquainted" stunt. Each Rotarian was instructed to bring a limerick about himself, his business, or about a fellow Rotarian. Without the limerick he could not enter the dining room. There was so much fun that the meeting ran thirty minutes overtime. Among the best limericks read was the following about President Korn:

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## News From the Clubs--Stunts and Social Events

before Christmas in honor of Past President Allen D. Albert.—T. J. Van Deusen, correspondent.

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**Erie, Pa.:** At the close of the fall touring season, Rotarian E. P. Selden gave the club a talk on "See Erie County First." While riding with his family during the summer they took unfrequented roads and visited beauty spots in the county unknown to most people. The result was that Mr. Selden's camera caught a number of very pretty scenes which were made into slides and shown on a screen to illustrate his talk. So enjoyable was the occasion that the talk now is to have every member take a camera with him next summer and then pool the resulting snap shots and see what a beautiful illustrated travelogue can be had next fall. The idea seemed to be quite popular and will undoubtedly be carried out.

A Christmas tree with a toy for each club member was the stunt of the Rotarians at their final meeting before the holidays. Rotarian Henry Hinrichs was the Santa Claus but he denied responsibility for the selection of toys. Anyhow, for half an hour the dining room was a nursery and otherwise staid men cut loose as they did when kids.—Fred L. Weede, correspondent.

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**Fort Wayne, Ind.:** "Monkey business" followed close upon the finish of the address of Immediate Past President Allen D. Albert before the Fort Wayne club on the evening of December 11. It had been announced that a special collection would be received to swell the fund being gathered by Rotarians Lew G. Ellingham and Carl Suedhoff of *The Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette* for a big Christmas party for the needy to be given at Rotarian Frank Stouder's Palace theatre. Without announcement, as Allen finished his address, Antonio Spaghetti (Rotarian E. H. Kilbourne) and his monkey (Rotarian Walter Seavey), to whom he seemed greatly attached—by a small chain—burst in upon the scene and proceeded to gather in the pennies and nickels, most of which were as big as dollars and many of which were in dimensions requiring the use of paper. It proved to be a unique method of taking up the Christmas fund, and "de monk's" little tin cup was filled many times over. Walter says it requires especial training of the hind legs to do this stunt successfully and he is well prepared to give instructions in the monkey hop.—B. J. Griswold, correspondent.

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**Hutchinson, Kans.:** Our last ladies night was perhaps the most enjoyable evening we have spent. It was held in our new public school building and only the committee in charge knew what it was to be. After hanging our wraps in the appointed place we filed in to the assembly room and took our seats at the desks and the fun started with a bang at once when our Rotarian attorney, Eustace Smith, stalked in dressed in a long-tailed, shiny black coat, pounded for order on his desk and gazed searchingly about the room as he announced that he was glad to see so many of the "little playmates" out for the closing exercises of school before the holidays. Spontaneously everyone entered into the spirit of this "last day in school" and we had the time of our lives. A Christmas tree with presents for each "little" boy and girl with a box lunch served later by the "little" girls ended the most

hilarious evening we have seen for a long time.

Some time ago our honorable president took occasion to roast all of our committees for not doing anything. The committee for the following meeting "woke up." Their stunt was to conduct us to a large bowling alley which they had bought out for the evening and where we were all divided into teams to bowl. At the end of the 3rd frame the leading bowler was given a prize which proved to be a pigeon in a box. At the end of the 5th the leader got a chicken and at the end of the 7th the captain of the leading team was called to the front and after a complimentary talk presented with a "loving cup" which proved to be a tin cup. By this time we were getting suspicious, but a big turkey was then carried in and placed in plain sight and the five high bowlers then rolled for the grand prize. It resulted in a tie and interest was keen. Finally the winner was taken before the crowd and was bowing his acceptance of the turkey held in the arms of one of the committeemen when the chairman shouted there had been a mistake and that was not the prize. Then a large bird cage containing a dead sparrow was given the best bowler in the bunch. He was so taken aback he could think of nothing to do but shout for the undertaker. We then assembled in the back part of the room and had a "Turkey Shoot"—with toy guns—each man's name being on a tag hung on the wall. The last tag up got the turkey.—Lloyd A. Clary, correspondent.

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**Jacksonville, Fla.:** At a very delightful meeting in November, at the "New Amusement Park" with Rotarians Harry Hoyt and Johnny Cooke as hosts, a preparedness parade was organized, equipt and drilled within 5 minutes. There was a fife and drum corps of 20 pieces, headed by Major General Paine. This corps led the infantry, consisting of a motley sabred crowd of 40. There were six brigades of handsome cavalymen, riding gracefully upon their prancing horses of broomsticks, etc., immediately preceding 10 batteries. Bringing up the rear was Colonel Corbett, our real Spanish War veteran, with his two dogs of war, Cerberus and Barghest. The parade soon developed into a grand march, and dancing ended one of the most pleasant evenings Jacksonville Rotary has ever enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Knight won the cup in the prize dance, the cup being not a work of art from jeweler Paine's store, but a work of art from the turning lathe of lumberman Halsema.

The subject of calling a man by his first name was discussed at a recent meeting. President Gay, who favors the extensive use of the first name, was quite upset when a number of his chosen speakers took the opposing side. Before he knew it, he became "Uncle John" to all and the title bids fair to stick. Every speaker brought out the fact that in fellowship, in love, and in good feeling, the given name can be used, altho in fact the words "Mister" or "Sir" are used.—L. W. Josselyn, correspondent.

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**Kansas City, Mo.:** A protean "Talking Sign" on a prominent business corner flashed Christmas and New Year's greetings of the Rotary club to Kansas City. Rotary slogans appeared every few minutes for a week and the stunt brought forth a great many favorable comments.—F. M. Staker, correspondent.

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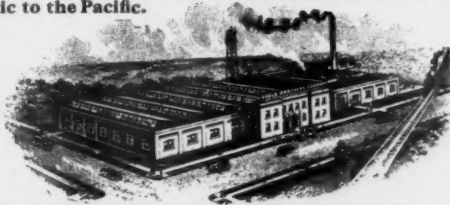
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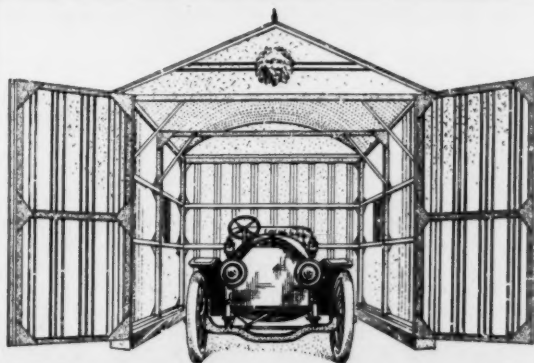
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## News From the Clubs--Stunts and Social Events

**La Fayette, Ind.:** The Rotary club was host to the Purdue University football team at a banquet given for the purpose of acquainting the Rotarians with the ideals and work of the university and informing the students and professors at the university regarding the aims and purposes of the Rotary club. There was a very successful meeting. The principal speaker was Professor George I. Christie, who spoke of agriculture as a science and of the great work that has been done by Purdue University in extending knowledge of this science. The athletic department of the university was outlined and its benefits touched upon. Since the meeting, the university has won two championships, one in athletics and one in stock judging at the International Live Stock Show in Chicago.

The following is from the publication of the La Fayette club, *The Acorn*: On Tuesday each Rotarian will be asked to tell the chair in as few words as possible which one of the articles in the December ROTARIAN shall be taken up for discussion and give his reasons for so thinking. Now get busy and read THE ROTARIAN. Gene Dyer says he would not miss reading THE ROTARIAN and we have heard similar remarks elsewhere. Now let us have the proof of the pudding at the eating on above date.—Christian Stocker, correspondent.

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**Lansing, Mich.:** Friday noon, December 1st each Rotarian was seated with one of the State Industrial School boys as his guest. It is hard to tell whether the boys or the Rotarians enjoyed the meeting best, for all joined enthusiastically in the songs and the boys cheered the club and the club cheered the boys, all going away feeling they had profited by the meeting.

One of the greatest projects in the social history of Lansing was offered by the members of the Rotary club in the Prudden auditorium in a cabaret dinner ball. The project was submitted to the club by the directors and enthusiastically endorsed by a unanimous vote of the members of the club, with the purpose in view of raising a fund for the Michigan pavedway. The affair was given New Year's night.—H. C. Pratt, correspondent.

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**Louisville, Ky.:** The Rotary club's Christmas luncheon meeting was most successful. In one corner of the room was a big red chimney and down it came a Santa Claus who distributed gifts to the members. A collection was taken up for *The Louisville Herald's* Empty Stocking Club and \$100 was raised.

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**McKeesport, Pa.:** The McKeesport Rotary club fittingly celebrated the third anniversary of its organization on Thursday, December 14, with a banquet, reception, entertainment, and dance. It was a social event of the season in McKeesport.

The club took an active part in charity work during the holidays.—M. F. Bowers, correspondent.

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**Montgomery, Ala.:** One of the most enjoyable of the continuous "stunts" which the club enjoys and encourages was pulled off recently. When the Rotarians assembled for the regular luncheon they found to their astonishment, their wives, seated about the table. Prompted by one or two of the officials, the wives proved that they could keep a secret. When hubby said as usual on Wednesday morning, "I'll not be home to lunch, Rotary day,"

friend wife said not a word. After their surprise was over the Rotarians sat down among their better halves and a lively and rattling meeting was held, in which the regular program was carried out. This "stunt" was in addition to the established annual ladies' night, and the regular summer picnic or barbecue provided for the ladies.—W. T. Sheehan, correspondent.

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**Morris, Ill.:** The club has been divided into two teams which are engaged in an attendance contest and a battle for the honor of providing the best program. Recently Rotarian Brown, captain of one team, sent out some hand-painted cards, of which a copy is printed herewith, to get out the members of his team. At the meeting each fellow was required to give some figures relative to his business. For instance, the banker was asked to tell the capital, surplus and profits of all the banks in Morris; the insurance man was asked to tell the number of policies held in the city; the clothing man was asked to estimate the number of overcoats sold last year in Morris; and the jeweler was called upon to name the number of wedding rings sold during the year.—Will J. Braum, correspondent.

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**Oklahoma City, Okla.:** The Oklahoma City Rotary Club held an evening session instead of its usual noon-day meeting and designated the event as ladies' night. Practically the entire membership was present with their wives and lady friends as guests.

A sketch of the early history and development of Oklahoma was given in four parts. The first part was by Rotarian Paul M. Pope, our attorney member, and included the history of the Indian settlement within the state, and the final opening of their lands to white settlement in 1889.

The second part by George W. Curtis, honorary member, dealt with the "cowboy" and his contribution to early history. Both of these sketches were given in costume.

The third part was a description of the "run" for homes made by the '89ers in the actual settlement of Oklahoma on April 22, 1889, when thousands of new homes were established in a single day. Rotarian Col. Roy Hoffman of the United States Army gave the sketch.

The fourth part was a sketch of the genesis and growth of the Business Man in Oklahoma by Rotarian A. S. Heaney.

In addition to the cold facts of history the sketches included the wit, wisdom, humor, and pathos of the various groups as the narrator had gathered it from study and contact with the outstanding characters.—A. S. Heaney, correspondent.

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**St. Paul, Minn.:** Almost two thousand dollars' worth of Christmas presents were given by members of the club to each other at the annual Christmas party. A canvas stocking four feet long, filled with sausage, pickles, flashlights, pencils, pocket-books, brushes, and other articles handled by the members in their business, was given to each member present. Special prizes were awarded to the ladies. Rotarian Mayor Irvin made a plea for Good Fellow assistance and a number of the Rotarians pledged themselves to take care of several families Christmas. A cash donation to the Good Fellow work was made by the club.—Clipping.



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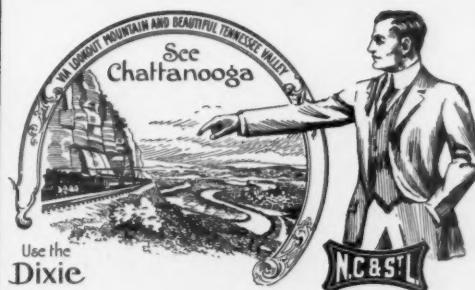
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## News From the Clubs--Stunts and Social Events

**Savannah, Ga.:** At the meeting in December, when B. O. Oxnard, the head of the Savannah Sugar Refinery, a mammoth concern being established at Savannah, was received as a member of the Rotary club, the president announced that an initiation would follow. Rotarian Oxnard was escorted out, presumably to an ante-room for preparation. Wires from electric batteries to a mat in the center of the room were strung and other preparations indicating a rough time for the candidate were quickly made. It looked like the distinguished member was about to ride the goat. Protests began to come from members. Eloquence was uncorked in opposition to such methods in Rotary. The ruling of the chair was questioned. Tumult reigned. But before anything could be done to stop the initiation a figure masked and in a black robe was brought forth. The electric mat was reached, the candidate was put across the barrel and the spanker applied.

"How goes it, Rotarian Oxnard?" asked the President.

"Fine, fine!" replied Rotarian Oxnard from the ante-room.

It was then that the figure was unrobed and the person undergoing the initiation was found to be a colored hotel attendant. Those not in the know quickly admitted that they were the goats.—Luke P. Pettus, correspondent.

**Stockton, Cal.:** On Wednesday evening, December 20, was the regular ladies' night for Rotary. It was in the nature of a Christmas celebration. The attendance was about 200, and the occasion was one long to be remembered. Fred W. Moore took the part of Santa Claus, and like everything else he undertakes it was well done. To Rotary clubs who have not as yet adopted a ladies' night, we recommend that this be done at once. There is nothing that can so cement the bonds of friendship and kindly feeling one for the other as gatherings of this nature.—John C. Ahrens, correspondent.

**Syracuse, N.Y.:** What has been generally characterized as the greatest gathering of local business men was held at a joint meeting of the Syracuse Rotary, Optimists and Kiwanis Clubs on December 28th. Over five hundred men, including many of the most prominent in the city, were present. Geo. D. Kirtland, president of the Rotary club presided, assisted by the presidents of the two younger clubs.

For being so good a president during the past year, George was presented with a huge stick of candy by "Nick" Valentine, the "Candy" kid and candy dealer of the local Rotary club.

On January 26th Syracuse Rotarians planned a ladies' night, at which Mrs. General Pickett was to be among the guests. National airs were to be featured by a band of harps.—J. Russell Paine, correspondent.

**Tampa, Fla.:** The Tampa Club's state luncheons have been proving unusually interesting. At these luncheons, members of the club who were born in certain states had charge of the program. There have been days for Ohioans, etc.—Clipping.

**Toronto, Ont.:** The Toronto club has started a golf attendance contest, which is a variation of the baseball attendance contest. Eighteen holes will be played, every week being a hole. The club membership has been divided into 13 teams of 10

men each under the direction of a "professional." When a man is absent from a meeting it costs his team one stroke. If five men are absent from the same team on the same day, it means that their team has taken five strokes for that hole. No excuses of any kind are accepted. The total number of absences on any one team during the first nine weeks of the contest determine the number of strokes required by the team to make the first nine holes—which is their score "going out." The second nine weeks of the contest is the "coming in." The score for the two halves will be the score for the entire course.

In addition to this medal competition, there are also match competitions or play by holes. Each week one team will be matched against another team and the one making that hole with the fewest strokes (that is, having the fewest members absent) wins that hole. The team winning the most holes going out, wins the first round of match play. The team winning the most holes coming in, wins the second round of match play. The team winning the most holes over the entire course (18 weeks) wins the match competition for the course.

The prizes are: Teams winning match and medal competitions for first nine holes, to be guests of honor at the tenth hole luncheons. Teams winning match and medal competitions for second nine holes to be guests of honor at the eighteenth hole luncheon. Each member winning an eighteen hole match competition and eighteen hole medal competition to receive an International Rotary button.

The contest committee members will be known as caddies and the chairman will be "caddy master." This committee will pass upon all protests, award prizes, and decide disputes. Each caddy will keep the records of two teams and the reports will be submitted to the caddy master who will announce results during the luncheon. To be credited as present, a member must remain thru the meal.

**Wheeling, W.Va.:** The Christmas stunt took place December 28 at the McLure Hotel, with a full attendance of about one hundred, including a number of prominent visitors. The Washington Gridiron Club had nothing on the Wheeling club for a clean, wholesome entertainment which started off with a biff and a bang and lasted for three hours. There was a large Christmas tree and each Rotarian received a present, from the sublime to the ridiculous. The wind-up was an auction of at least fifteen or twenty additional presents, bringing a goodly amount of cash for the charity fund.—Frederick W. Colmar, correspondent.

**Zanesville, Ohio:** During the Christmas shopping days the Zanesville club had a ladies' shopping lunch. Invitations were mailed to the wives of the various members and the unmarried members brought friends and an enjoyable hour was spent. The entire dining-room of the Clarendon Hotel was reserved and was well filled. Each lady was presented with a nicely gotten up roster of the different members doing a retail business and souvenirs were furnished in goodly number. Some high class musical talent was provided, and Rotarian Sherer, who is also a city councilman, supplied fifty large bottles of clear, cold, sparkling water from the wells that will supply Zanesville's new municipal well-water system. Some good comedy was enacted for the benefit of the ladies and all left in good spirits.—H. V. Bogart, correspondent.

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## Inter-City Fellowship

**Albany, N. Y.:** The Albany and Troy Rotary Clubs will celebrate the anniversary of Rotary's organization on February 23rd by a joint dinner at Troy.—John F. Tremain, correspondent.

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**Chicago, Ill.:** On December 5 the Chicago club held a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, the Chicagoans going up on a special train one hundred strong. The Milwaukee Rotarians met the Chicago bunch with a touring car for each member and took them to the hotel, set them down and both fed and entertained them wonderfully. The inscription on the menu address to the Chicago Rotarians is as follows, "Rotarian Brothers of Chicago: We welcome you to our city, with a full heart, overflowing with those generous impulses that are the true spirit of Rotary. Thank you for coming—if we said more, we'd cry. Ye Old Time Eat-together Dinner given by the Rotarians of the City of Milwaukee to their Suburban Brothers for the express purpose of putting Chicago on the map."

The Chicago club also during the month went up to Waukegan, twenty strong to start the Waukegan club off in a proper manner. Also on December 20th Charlie Becker, vice-president of the Chicago club and Jim Butler of the Chicago club visited the Waukegan club and made addresses on Rotary.—James H. Butler, correspondent.

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**Duluth, Minn.:** About 100 members of the Superior club joined the Duluth club at an inter-city dinner meeting which was the second in a series of joint meetings for the two clubs. The matter of cooperation between the Duluth and Superior Rotarians was emphasized at this meeting.

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**Hutchinson, Kans.:** On December 27 a bunch of us journeyed to Dodge City to help start a baby Rotary club off on the right kind of a nursing bottle. They are starting out with twenty-six of the liveliest inhabitants of Western Kansas as members and we are sure many pleasant visits will be made in the future between our clubs. The official representative of the I. A. of R. C. was Rotarian Fred Voiland, president of the Topeka Rotary Club, and we are here to testify that he carried off his part of the program with honor both to himself, his club, and to International Rotary. Our part of the program was principally to liven things up with such stunts as a fake argument between some of our fellows, followed by their being put out of the banquet room only to reappear shortly doing a painfully noisy imitation of the famous Dodge City Cowboy Band—spelled "Kow" on this occasion.—Lloyd A. Clary, correspondent.

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**Massillon, Ohio:** We have designed a postcard acknowledgment of the visits of Rotarians from other cities which we think is quite nifty. It's a picture postcard showing views of Massillon and vicinity on one side. On the address side is the regular space for the address of the secretary of the club to which the visitor belongs. To the left of the address is the following: "Rotarian \_\_\_\_\_ dropped in on us this week. We were

glad to see him. He had a good word for Rotary, his home town, and his home club. Think we were able to convince him that Massillon is the second best city in the country. (You can have three guesses as to which is the best). If you doubt this come on yourself and show us where we are wrong. Your members will always be welcome. Luncheons every Wednesday noon except last Wednesday of the month, when meeting is held at 7 p. m. As "Fritz" would say: 'Tell 'em all to come.' Rotarily yours, Massillon Rotary Club."—Edwin B. (Old Man) Lord secretary.

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**Port Arthur, Tex.:** We had the opportunity of hearing Frank Mulholland give one of his wonderful talks in December. Bob Cornell arranged to have Mulholland stop off at Beaumont en route to Houston and they gave us a wonderful surprise by walking in at the luncheon. Cornell had notified me in advance to get together the Port Arthur Rotarians to go up to Beaumont as there was to be a surprise for them. We were well represented. Frank's address was a revelation, an inspiration and an education. I am satisfied that his talk will never be forgotten. We can never thank Bob Cornell sufficiently for giving us this treat. Our little club is doing nicely, and the enthusiasm of the members is increasing daily and the real Rotary spirit is growing all the time. I am beginning to believe that we could pick our next club president and secretary blindfolded and make no mistake.—Sidney C. Collin, secretary.

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**San Francisco, Cal.:** We have organized a five-man bowling team and are planning a tournament with our sister clubs in California.—R. C. Thackera, correspondent.

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**San Jose, Cal.:** The San Jose Rotary Club is planning a bowling tournament with the Rotary clubs of San Francisco and Oakland to select a team from the clubs of northern California to play with the Rotary Club of Los Angeles later in the season.

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**Superior, Wis.:** The Superior Rotarians have had two interesting inter-city meetings recently, one when they journeyed over to Duluth for a joint meeting with the Duluth Rotarians, and the other when a delegation of fifty members from the St. Paul club and a number from Duluth came to Superior to boost for the Winter Carnival at St. Paul. The St. Paul Rotarians arrived arrayed in brilliant colored mackinaws, knickerbockers, socks, and caps. They paraded thru Superior and let everybody know they were here and why they were here.

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*As THE ROTARIAN goes to press the following telegram has been received:*

**Vancouver, B. C.:** Elaborate preparations made by Vancouver for Conference of District No. 15 with Victoria and Vancouver, February 24 and 25. Five hundred attendance expected. I have just visited Seattle and Portland Rotary Clubs which are making early arrangements for large attendance.—Horace W. Davison.



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My business standards shall have in them a note of sympathy for our common humanity. My business dealings, ambitions and relations shall always cause me to take into consideration my highest duties as a member of society. In every position in business life, in every responsibility that comes before me, my chief thought shall be to fill that responsibility and discharge that duty so when I have ended each of them, I shall have lifted the level of human ideals and achievements a little higher than I found them. In view of this your committee holds that fundamental in a code of trade ethics for International Rotary are the following principles:

**First:** To consider my vocation worthy, and as affording me distinct opportunity to serve society.

**Second:** To improve myself, increase my efficiency and enlarge my service, and by so doing attest my faith in the fundamental principle of Rotary, that he profits most who serves best.

**Third:** To realize that I am a business man and ambitious to succeed; but that I am first an ethical man, and wish no success that is not founded on the highest justice and morality.

**Fourth:** To hold that the exchange of my goods, my service and my ideas for profit is legitimate and ethical, provided that all parties in the exchange are benefited thereby.

**Fifth:** To use my best endeavors to elevate the standards of the vocation in which I am engaged, and so to conduct my affairs that others in my vocation may find it wise, profitable and conducive to happiness to emulate my example.

**Sixth:** To conduct my business in such a manner that I may give a perfect service equal to or even better than my competitor, and when in doubt to give added service beyond the strict measure of debt or obligation.

**Seventh:** To understand that one of the greatest assets of a professional or of a business man is his friends and that any

advantage gained by reason of friendship is eminently ethical and proper.

**Eighth:** To hold that true friends demand nothing of one another and that any abuse of the confidences of friendship for profit is foreign to the spirit of Rotary, and in violation of its Code of Ethics.

**Ninth:** To consider no personal success legitimate or ethical which is secured by taking unfair advantage of certain opportunities in the social order that are absolutely denied others, nor will I take advantage of opportunities to achieve material success that others will not take because of the questionable morality involved.

**Tenth:** To be not more obligated to a Brother Rotarian than I am to every other man in human society; because the genius of Rotary is not in its competition, but in its cooperation; for provincialism can never have a place in an institution like Rotary, and Rotarians assert that Human Rights are not confined to Rotary Clubs, but are as deep and as broad as the race itself; and for these high purposes does Rotary exist to educate all men and all institutions.

**Eleventh:** Finally, believing in the universality of the Golden Rule, **All Things Whatsoever Ye Would that Men Should Do Unto You, Do Ye Even So Unto Them**, we contend that Society best holds together when equal opportunity is accorded all men in the natural resources of this planet.

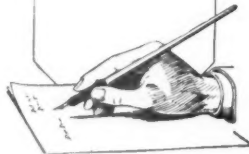
## Summary

**THE MOTIVE OF THE CODE.** It is not the Greek motive of Ethics, which is based upon perfecting the person and perpetuating the State simply to preserve the Ego, but this code is predicated on love. That is, the Rotarian does not do right simply because it preserves himself, but because he had rather be destroyed than to destroy another. Thus this code of ethics is founded on love.

**THE VALUE OF THE CODE.** This Code does not take sides in the present dispute in society between the Conservative and the Liberal. It argues nothing merely because it is conservative or liberal. This Code seeks one thing—the value—the utility of the Ethics it propounds. The utility of the Code and not its liberalism nor its conservatism has been the ideal of the men who wrote it. By this it must stand, for by this it cannot fall.

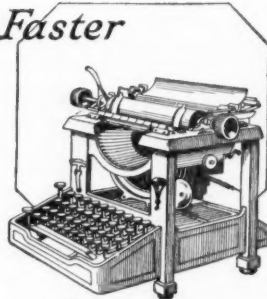
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